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### **Officials largely** happy with proposed \$25.3 million budget BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

With the exception of the compensation of elected officials, the presentation of the 2009 Canton Township budget doesn't vary much from the previous year.

The proposed \$25.3 million bud-get was reviewed by the Board of Trustees Tuesday night and there was some discussion as to why the salaries of the township supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustees reflected a 2percent raise from the compensation set by the board last year.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the finance department made a mistake in factoring in a raise for the positions and said he feels confident the board, which will have new faces in November, won't approve raises for elected officials in January.

"We can't bind them (to the lowered amounts) but I don't know why they would change the salaries," he said.

The salary changes will go into effect in November. The compensation of the township supervisor is going down from \$127,073 to \$115,366. The salary for the treasurer and clerk will fall from \$103,730 to \$98,790. The compensation for trustees will go from \$12,537 to \$12,000.

During the budget presentation, treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter revisited the decision to do away with the \$4,800 car allowance for the township treasurer and clerk saying that the monthly allotment, even if lowered, is easier to manage than mileage reimbursement.

Trustee Todd Caccamo disagreed wing that the matter had already been decided upon at the same time the compensation was lowered. Kirchgatter was the only vote against lowering the salaries of elected officials. With some departments reporting savings in the form of retirements, Yack said he's pleased with the proposed budget, which is slightly larger than this year's \$25.2 million budget. Among other things it calls for a cell block renovation at the Canton Police Department. "Given what's happening around us, our staff did a great job," he said.



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After 26 years, Dianne Neihengen, who coordinates senior activities for Canton, is ready for retirement that includes more time with grandkids and a part-time job.

So hard to say goodbye After 26 years, Canton's senior coordinator is stepping down

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Dianne Neihengen has worked with Canton's seniors for a quarter century. If you have a great story about her, we'd love to hear about it. Send Editor Kurt Kuban an e-mail at kkuban@ hometownife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

# Trustee candidates set sights on general election

#### BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

With the primary election relegated to the history books, those in the running to become a Canton Township trustee say they are still knocking on doors, meeting new people, ordering lawn signs

events.

and attending community

Despite the advantage

Trustee Karl Zarbo said he's

still running his campaign

as if this was his first venture into politics. "I am still taking the

approach that someone is

going home and I would not

of being an incumbent,

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like it to be me," he said, adding that he expected to receive a new batch of lawn signs Friday. "The only thing that has changed (since the primary) is the math."

Zarbo, along with Trustee Todd Caccamo and political newcomers John Anthony and Pat Williams, advanced to the general election after beating out three other Republican candidates in August.

Canton resident Syed S. Taj is campaigning as a Democrat and Charlie Page, a longtime township resident, will be on the ballot as a Libertarian.

Taj, who has lived in the township for two years. said

The budget will be voted upon by the Board of Trustees at its Sept. 30 regular meeting.

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responded to a newspaper ad looking for a part-time senior center coordinator for Canton Township, she didn't know how hard it would be to let go of the position 26

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

When Dianne Neibengen

years later. "It almost took my breath away when I had to tell everyone," Neihengen said of her announcement to staff and volunteers that she was stepping down as the head of the program. "This is a new journey for me but I don't want to lose touch with the people here because the people are the heart of what this program is all about."

Neihengen's last official day was Sept. 12, but she

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has occasionally dropped by

the center to sort through

and organize her remaining

"This was one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make. You don't just go to (this job), you live it," she said.

Having seen the program from its days on the 44000 block of Michigan Avenue to its move to Summit on the Park in 1996, Neihengen says she hadn't planned on leaving the center but decided this was the right time to move on after learning of a part-time position as a Christian services coordinator with Our Lady of Victory in Northville.

With her two small grandchildren living in Texas, Neihengen says the new job

will allow her more time to spend with her family.

"I kept saying no, no, no, I can't retire, and then I realized that I could. (The new position) is a good fit but I'm going to miss this place," she said. "It's like family."

Neihengen took the reins of the senior center after spending 12 years as a stayat-home-mother to two children. She says she felt the position was special after her first year.

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most of his campaigning has been "underground" with friends calling friends.

But now I'm ready to do the fliers and the buttons and the lawn signs, you name it," he said, noting that he will begin going door to door this weekend. "I need to make sure people know the name and the face together."

At a fund-raiser hosted by his supporters last week, Williams said he's still making connections with those in the community.

We all have to get out there and still do the work because six people are running for four spots," he said. "My desire regarding this election is that people do the research and understand who has done what in the community."

Anthony, who briefly paused his campaign to take a trip to Italy with his wife, said he hasn't gotten comfortable given his advancement to the general election.

This is just like the primary all over again," he said. "What we did worked well in the primary and I'm not taking anything for granted. We have spent too much time on this campaign for me to assume I'm going to be knighted."

# Friends create virtual dinner to help toddler

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

In a twist on the all-youcan-eat spaghetti dinner, supporters will be hosting a virtual spaghetti dinner Saturday in hopes of raising money to help pay for medical treatments of a 21-month-old toddler who is battling leukemia.

Friends of Macaylah Whitlock, the 21-month-old daughter of Marc Whitlock - former director of the **Plymouth-Canton Marching** Band — will be holding a virtual spaghetti dinner to raise money for Macaylah

Whitlock's Miracle Fund. Instead of literally sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in a hall or restaurant, supporters are asking families to enjoy a meal of salad, spaghetti and meatballs Saturday, whether it be at home or a restaurant. They've also included — via e-mail — a blessing written by Whitlock's wife, Kellie, who is a minister at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia and music selected by Marc Whitlock, which is available on iTunes.

After enjoying the meal with family and friends, the group

pated in their own way to send longer than we anticipated. a donation to the fund as well as comments and photos to share their experience.

As for Macaylah, the Whitlocks are hopeful they've turned the corner in the struggle against leukemia.

"Macaylah is scheduled to undergo a fifth run of chemotherapy next week," said Marc Whitlock. "Doctors think she is on the right path. My belief is that with time, faith, prayer and support our daughter - by the turn of the new year - will be looking in the rear view mirror of this. Doctors think is asking for those who partici- it will happen, it will just take

"As for the band parents,

I can't thank them enough," he said. "It is an unbelievable thing they are doing with our great relationship that started as teacher to parent and has evolved into a lifelong friendship. I look forward to the future to be able to pay it forward."

All donations, letters and photos can be directed to Macaylah Whitlock's Miracle Fund, P.O. Box 871734, Canton, MI 48187.

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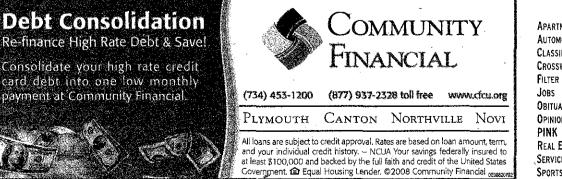
Friends of Macaylah Whitlock (above), the 21-month-old daughter of former Plymouth-Canton Marching Band director Marc Whitlock, will be holding a virtual spaghetti dinner to raise money for Macaylah Whitlock's Miracle Fund.

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### LOCAL NEWS

#### **AROUND CANTON**

#### **On-line classes**

On-line credit recovery classes are available through Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Starkweather Education Center. Classes are available for Algebra 1, Biology, English 10, English 11 and Geometry. The classes are offered for grades 10, 11 and 12. For more information, call (734) 416-4901.

St. Michael open house

St. Michael Christian School is hosting an open house from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25. The school offers preschool and elementary classes including all day kindergarten and half day Young Fives. As part of the event, there will be an ice cream social from 6-7 p.m. St. Michael Christian School provides a Christ-centered education using the Holy Bible, the Concordia Publishing House study series, and a weekly chapel service led by the pastoral staff. All teachers are qualified and credentialed.

St. Michael Christian School is located at 7000 N. Sheldon Road in Canton. For more infor-

mation, call (734) 459-9720, or visit their Web site at www.stmichael-church.org.

#### Attention crafters

Connection Church (previously Tri-City Christian Center) is currently accepting applications for its Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 6 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.). Connection Church is located at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton, north of Michigan Avenue. For more information contact Sharon Chefan (734) 397-1777 or sharon@connectionchurch.info.

#### Salem Rocks fund-raisers

A bowling fund-raiser is being held for the Salem Rocks football team at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sept. 21 at Plaza Lanes on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. The cost is \$10 and includes all bowling and shoes. Proceeds go directly to help the Salem Rocks football team. For more information, contact Don Turner at (734) 812-0504.

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### A proper disposal

More than 180,000 pounds of hazardous waste was collected at Canton's annual Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up, held Sept. 6 at the Division of Public Works Building. Each year at the annual event, residents drop off hazardous materials for proper disposal. Totals collected this year included 16,725 gallons of latex paint and non-regulated materials, two pails of mercury, four cubic yards of aerosol, 1,000 gallons of bulk motor oil, 2,100 gallons of flammable liquids, 140 gallons of liquid pesticide, 9,500 pounds of electronic waste, 100 gallons of corrosive material, 6,000 pounds of batteries, 60 gallons of oxidizers and four pallets of propane. A total of 1,193 cars dropped off materials, and employees with Environmental Quality Company handled all disposal activities. In case you missed Canton's event, the Wayne County Department of Environment will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Nov. 8 at the City of Westland Department of Public Services Yard, located at 37137 Marquette, just east of Newburgh Road. This free event is open to all Wayne County residents. For more information, call (734) 326-3936.

service at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept 19 at the Canton Veterans Memorial west of the Canton Township Administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. For more information, contact John Spencer at (734) 397-8975 or johnscott44@ yahoo.com.

#### All Saints health fair

All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, Canton, will host a safety and health fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27. Highlights for the kids will include the Canton Fire Department's smoke house, fire and EMS vehicle tours, face painting, physical fitness competitions, inflatables, and bicvcle safety tips. Highlights for the adults include Blue Cross & Blue Shield screening for blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and body mass index, as well as parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers,

# VFW Post 6695 (1426 S.

Arbor Road — in Plymouth) will host an all veterans, all wars homecoming and open house from 1-5 p.m., Sept. 27. All veteran organizations will be represented. The VFW, VVA, American Legion, Am Vets, Purple Heart, DAV, and Marine Corps League have been invited and will have information on their organizations. All veterans and their families are welcome. A light lunch will be served at no charge. For more information.

### Christmas assistance

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps is currently accepting applications for Christmas assistance for residents of Northville, Plymouth, Canton, and Belleville. Families in need

of assistance should contact The Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464 to set up an appointment. Candidates will be interviewed on Tuesdays and Fridays beginning on Oct. 14 through Nov. 14.

Applicants will need to bring picture ID for all household residents, proof of household income and expenses. For more information, please contact The Salvation Army Family and Community Ministries office at (734) 453-5464.

#### Candidates forum

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its candidates forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater.

Candidates for public office in the Canton area will be addressing questions previously submitted by local voters. The theater is located at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads.

Candidates participating in the forum include those running for Canton Township trustee, Canton Township supervisor, Wayne County commissioner, and state representative for the 20th and 21st Districts as well as candidates for 35th District judge.

Citizens will have the opportunity to meet the candidates individually and ask any additional questions after the forum at the Cherry Martini located in the theater complex at 50296 Cherry Hill Road. For more information, contact the Canton Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-4040.

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### LOCAL NEWS

# Exchange Club raising funds for new 'Freedom Shrines'

#### BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Exchange Club of Canton is selling the 2009 Entertainment Book in an effort to raise money for two new Freedom Shrines.

The Shrines, already housed in the Canton Township Administration Building, Plymouth High School and Plymouth Christian Academy, include 30 documents that have shaped the country including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Gettysburg Address.

The club would like to put new Shrines in Salem High School and Canton High School. Each Shrine costs about \$1,100.

"Students have told us it's much easier to learn about our history by looking at the documents rather than reading about them in a book," said David Loveland of the Canton Exchange Club.

The group wants to sell 200 copies of the \$20 book, which has thousands of discount offers for restaurants, attractions, hotels and entertainment venues. The Detroit area book features deals for Meijer, Bailey's, Super Bowl and Joe's Crab Shack.

"The book pays for itself because you are going to get your money back when you use it," Loveland said, adding that early sales for the book have been promising. "We are already going past 100 (books sold) and we will be selling until December. It feels good to know that our hard work is starting to pay off."

According to the club's national Web site, www.nationalexchangeclub.org, the organization has a goal of putting a Shrine in each U.S. middle and high school.

"The disappointing part is that some don't understand the purpose of the Freedom Shrines, but the joyful part is the reaction we get from students and the reaction we get from teachers," Loveland said.

To buy a copy of the Entertainment Book, call Loveland at (734) 207-8943 or log on to www.entertainment.com/ support. For more information on the Exchange Club of Canton, visit www.exchangeclubofcanton.org.





OBSERVER FILE PHOTO

The Exchange Club has a goal of putting Freedom Shrines in every high school and middle school. The Canton Exchange Club is currently raising money to put the shrines in Canton and Salem high schools.

# Thieves make off with church offerings at St. John Neumann

Thieves broke into and ransacked St. John Neumann Catholic Church over the weekend and made off with \$5,000 to \$8,000, according to church officials. The cash, donated Sunday, was stolen before it was counted Monday.

"A sign out front here, it says, 'All are welcome here,'" Tom Yoakam, 62, of Canton, a parishioner for 30 years, said Tuesday, just after he finished counting \$1,000 in cash from sealed envelopes. "Obviously, we welcome everybody here; they were welcome. We welcomed them, and they took from us."

The thieves got in through a maintenance room door sometime between 9 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 a.m. Monday, according to police. They ransacked shelves, files, desks and storage areas and broke doors and windows. They also took cameras used to photograph baptisms, communions, confirmations, parties and other events.

The Rev. George Williams, parish priest, said it could have been worse — the thieves left checks and they didn't touch the sanctuary or steal sacred items.

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Williams said St. John Neumann will not hold a special mass to bless the church, but on Sunday, he'll mention the theft and pray for those involved.

"I will pray they will reform their lives and come to their senses," Williams said. "It's not a good life they're embarking on. I do hope they're caught.

"The things they are stealing are people's generosity," he added. "The things we have are because people of faith trust us to support the poor and do the work of the church. To steal from the church is to steal from all these people, which I think makes the crime more severe."

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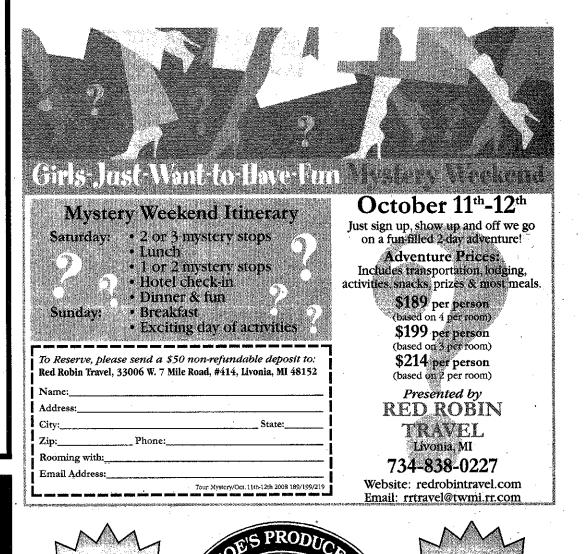
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#### COUNTY NEWS

# Mojo in the Morning: Win lunch with the 95.5 crew at Buddy's

#### It's back!

The Observer & Eccentric/ Mirror Newspapers and Buddy's Pizza "Dining with the Stars" contest returns this fall asking: Who wants to have lunch at Buddy's Pizza with Mojo, Spike and Kyra of Mojo in Morning?

Mojo, along with Spike and Kyra, wakes up metro Detroit with some outrageous antics. The show is known for Spike's "Senseless Surveys," "War of the Roses" and outrageous phone scams (the station Web site says more than 570 people have been heckled, bothered and bullied by phone scams).

Mojo, who came to Detroit

and Channel 955 in February

2000, is one of metro Detroit's

my kids, and sports ... in that order," he said. "My hero is my dad. He came to this country

most popular personalities.

"My interests are my wife,

from Cuba for a better life for himself. He learned a new language and became a doctor, husband and dad. I get my work ethic from him. He was the biggest supporter of me getting in radio. Without his support, I would never made

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with Mojo, Spike and Kyra at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail. com by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

In addition to lunch, the

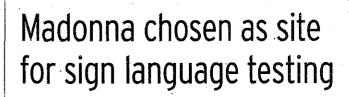


Kyra, Spike and Mojo.

winner will be treated to a limo ride courtesy of Class Plus Limo, mini-makeover by Sebastian and Heba of I Design Salon and Spa in Dearborn, \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in

Southfield and dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills. To top it off, Buddy's will donate \$500 to Covenant

House, one of Mojo's favorite charities



Last year a law was passed in the State of Michigan requiring sign language interpreters to earn state Quality Assurance (QA) certification. In addition, any interpreters working in K-12 education must pass the national Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment (EIPA). Until now, Lansing was the only EIPA testing sight in the state. Madonna University has been approved to administer these tests at its main campus in Livonia.

Rebecca Shriner, interpreter coordinator for Madonna's Office of Disability Resources and instructor for sign language studies, is certified to proctor the national EIPA exam at Madonna. The exam is given in two parts, written and performance. The written portion can be taken at Madonna; however the performance portion must be completed at a Lansing testing sight, where Shriner also is a certified proctor. The University plans to offer performance testing for the

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EIPA exam in the future. "These certifications are

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The Michigan QA test also can be taken at Madonna University, where Delores Gariepy, Madonna sign language studies instructor, administers the test one Friday a month. Upcoming test dates are: Sept. 19, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. Arrangements to take the EIPA or QA tests can be made by calling the Division on Deafness at 877-499-6232.

Since 1975 Madonna University (www.madonna. edu) has offered the state's only Bachelor of Arts degree in sign language studies (SLS). By the year 2012, all sign language interpreters must have a bachelor's degree before taking the national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) exam.

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Unless otherwise noted

#### Wednesday, October 1 **College Night**

Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hend to answer questions and distribute informational literature.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Physical Education Building

Admission: Free information: 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

#### Wednesday, October 8 Panayls Lyras, plano

Noon to 1 p.m. The tradition of free lunchtime recitels at Schooloraft continues.

Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center Admission: Free

Information: 734-462-4403

#### Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble

The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theetre in downtown Plymouth

8:00 p.m.

Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth Information: 734-462-4403

#### **Iriday, October 24 WRC Luncheon Series** "Hiking Michigan"

From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic greas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.

11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Diponio Room inside VisTaTech Center** Admission: \$16 (prepaid, includes lunch) Information: 734-462-4443

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6:30 p.m.

Admission: \$24

**Theatre Performances Only:** November 14/15

8:00 p.m.

Admission: \$12

Theatre (LAS00) Inside Liberal Arts Building Information: 734-462-4596

#### Sunday, October 26 **Halloween Concert**

Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble

Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.

Admission: Free; donations accepted at the door

Community Room (RC 115), Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center; 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City Information: 734-462-4403

#### Save the date

November 8 (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)

November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)

November 12 at noon, Logan Skellon, plano and Jennifer Goitz, soprano (734-462-4403)

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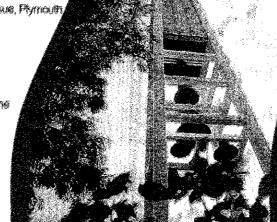
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December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)

December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Planc Honors Recital (734-462-4403)

December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizor Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)

December 14 at 4 p.m. "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)



# Village Theater raises curtain on a new season

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a whole new season at Canton's Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The theater's fifth season kicked off earlier this month, and promises a wide array of shows and entertainment that will appeal to Canton audiences, as well as draw in crowds from outside of town. After four years, theater officials believe they know what people are looking for.

"In the beginning we didn't know what people would want. We tried everything. After the first season, we were able to trim back. It gets easier each year. We feel we know our patrons now. We know what they want," said Canton Recreation Specialist Jennifer Provenzano.

Like in years past, there will be a number of national acts coming to the Village Theater, including the The Lettermen and the political satire comedy troupe The Capitol Steps. However, because of budget constraints (the theater's funding has been cut), there will be more of a focus on regional and local performances.

According to Canton Arts Coordinator Jennifer Tobin, who manages the theater, there will be three basic levels of presentations this year: national acts, regional/local productions, and local artists.

"Our programming is strong on all three," she said.

The third component — local artists — is something the programmers are really trying to develop into the backbone of the theater — something that was envisioned when the theater concept was developed years ago. Canton Township, which owns the theater, is trying to partner with local groups, such as Orchestra Canton, Canton Community Band and Spotlight Players, to help allay the costs of operating the theater.



Local theater group Spotlight Players, shown here during a performance from last year, will perform "Hello Dolly" beginning tomorrow night and running through Oct. 5 (visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater for dates and times).

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS AT VILLAGE THEATER**

Spotlight Players production of 'Hello, Dolly,' Sept. 19-Oct. 5 (multiple dates and times)

- Jan Krist and the Finkbeiner Brothers, Oct. 3
- Two for the Road, Oct. 9
- Comedian Mike Green, featuring Bob Phillips, Oct. 11
- Jazz Café: Oct. 18
- Ramblin' River Road Show: Oct. 18
- The Lettermen, Oct. 24
- Canton Concert Band: Haunted Horns 4 Benefit Concert, Oct. 25
- Choral Connection in Concert, Oct. 26

To purchase tickets for these or any shows, or for more information on the Village Theater's fifth season, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater

"We're trying to move in the direction where these groups are self-sufficient," Tobin said. "We will share the risk by sharing the ticket sales."

The new season, which runs through May, will feature plenty of music, comedy and theatrical productions, as well as community staples like the Martin Luther King, Jr. event in January and the International Festival in February. Orchestra Canton's Fusion Festival: From Canton to Canton — The Music of China will take place in March and is sure to be a season highlight.

The theater will also feature a couple of ongoing series, including the popular Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, which features a full meal along with the entertainment, and a regular comedy series that will feature local and regional comedians, including Mike Green,

who will perform Oct. 11. "There's something for everyone. There are things for the family and kids, and the sea-



The Capitol Steps will bring their unique brand of political satire to the Village Theater on Jan. 16



Comedian Mike Green will perform Oct. 11.

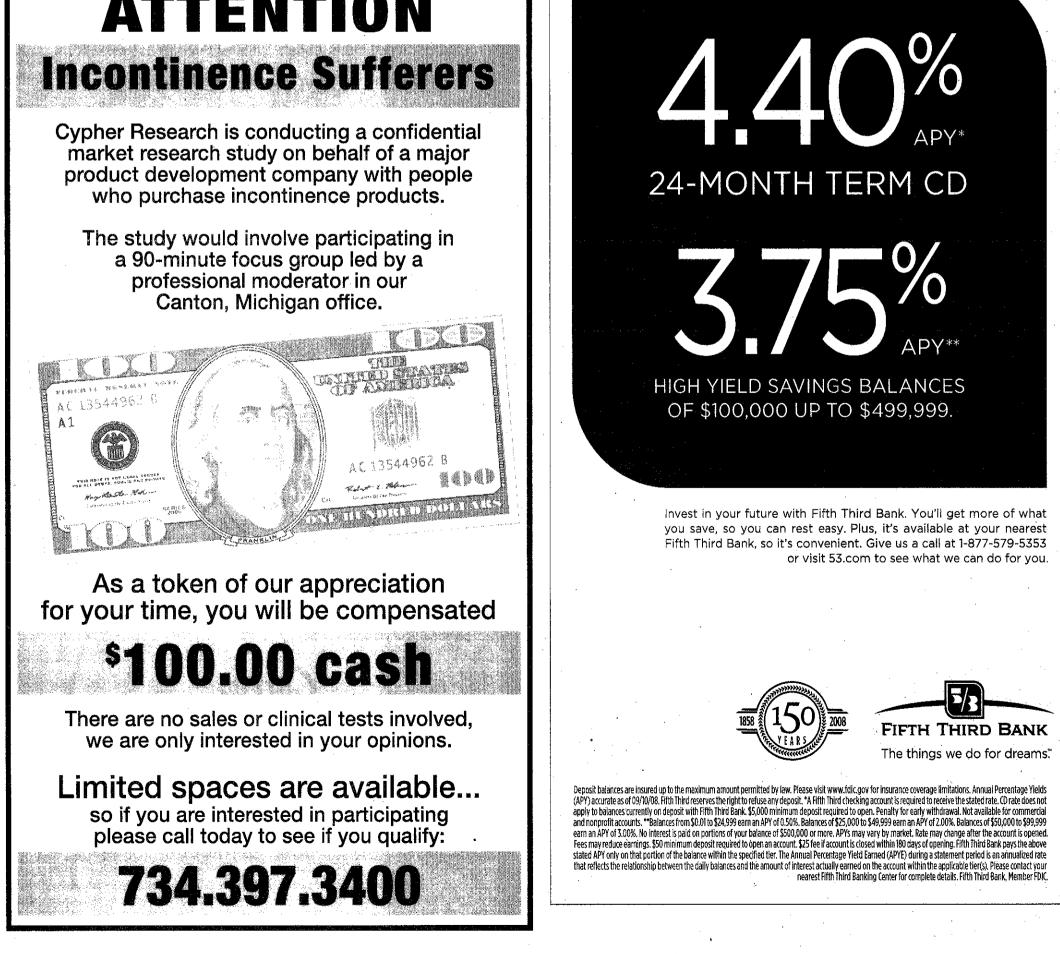
somed arts appreciator will find some things to their liking as well," Tobin said.

For the theater's complete schedule and ticket information, call the theater at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater.



Susan O'Rourke and Zig Zeitler will perform Jan. 17 as part of the Smokin' Sleddog Records Music Festival.

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"It started to define our family's calendar," she said, adding that her children and her husband of 39 years, Bill, were supportive of her new career. "The program became a part of our lives."

At the beginning of her tenure, the senior center was getting about 600 visitors a month, since that time, that number has quadrupled. The program, designed for those age 55 and older, is a hub for seniors with varying needs.

"We have some people that come everyday, some that come in just for lunch and others that come only for special events," Neihengen said, adding that she is most proud of the "character and caliber" of the center's programming.

Bernice Russian, director of

the Sounds of Canton, likened Neihengen to an octopus "with tentacles everywhere." "One person can't do every-

thing that she does but she has managed tổ do it," she said. "She is a doll and she has a heart for seniors. Everybody working with seniors doesn't have a heart for seniors, but she truly cares and treats everyone like family."

Wiping a few tears from her eyes, Neihengen recalls several public service programs that the center has done and says "this is not just a taking place, it's a giving place."

In an effort to remain connected, Neihengen has already joined a couple of the center's groups, including the Pioneers.

"I've already been invited to play cards and go on trips," she

the world and it wasn't easy to

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Shawna Walker got far fewer votes than when she ran in the May school election, but the Westland resident got more than enough Monday evening to become the newest member of the Wayne-Westland school board.

The school board voted 5-1 to appoint Walker to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick Weaver last

Walker month. Board Secretary

Cindy Schofield cast the lone dissenting vote. "I'm overwhelmed," said

Walker about the appointment. "I'm excited and I look forward to serving on the board. It's such an honor."

Walker was one of four residents interviewed by the school board during a special meeting

Monday evening.

Also interested in filling the vacancy were Lori Mirales-Smith of Westland, Jack Garret Jr. of Wayne and Bhagwan Dashairya of Westland. A fifth resident, Donna Chapman of Westland, withdrew from the process.

Walker fills vacancy on W-W school board

In an interview prior to the voting, Walker told the school board she decided to try for the appointment because "I honestly want to make a change in the district."

"I think I can bring a new way of thinking to the board," she said.

Walker also told the board that her goal, once she gets into her role as a board member, was to make sure students get the education they deserve. Saying that she sees improvement in every area, including test scores, she cited the budget is the No. 1 issue facing the district. It will remain the top priority even if the economy changes, she added.

"I think we have a good school district," she said. "I love this school district."

A former Ford Motor Co. employee, Walker is employed as an optical technician and

# 'Disappointed' candidate questions board selection

The selection of Shawna Walker as the new Wayne-Westland school board trustee did not set well with one of the four hopefuls.

Following the vote, Bhagwan Dashairya told the board that he felt it had not fulfilled its responsibility to the community by not considering education and experience.

"I'm disappointed, I thought I had the necessary qualifications," said the Westland resident. "I thought I had the necessary experience to work in the public arena. Something must have motivated you to select as you did."

A management consultant, the Westland resident holds two bachelor's degrees - one in mathematics, physics, chemistry from Allahabad University and one in mechanical engineering from Banaras Hindu University, both in India - a master of business administration in business management from Davenport

her children's school. She also volunteers with Looking for My Sister, a domestic violence pro-

'Catching a snooze

at Happy Hounds

is fun!"

University and a master of science and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Mississippi. Several of the board

members responded, telling Dashairya that Walker's involvement in the May school election played into their decision

"I think because Shawna ran and was in third place, a lot of voters wanted her here,' said Trustee William Gabriel, who finished 55 votes ahead of Walker in the May election.

"I thought she should be on the board," Trustee Steve Becher added. "She took the initiative to get on the ballot and run for office. As far as I know, no one else did that." "It takes more than specific qualifications," said board Vice President Skip Monit. "You are all qualified and all deserve a seat on the board, but we could only appoint one. Her participation in the last election went farther than that."

gram, and is active in the women's ministry at her church, the Pure Word Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit.

Walker had campaigned in the May school election, finishing just 55 votes behind Trustee William Gabriel. Dashairya also was a candidate in the election, finishing fifth with 230 votes.

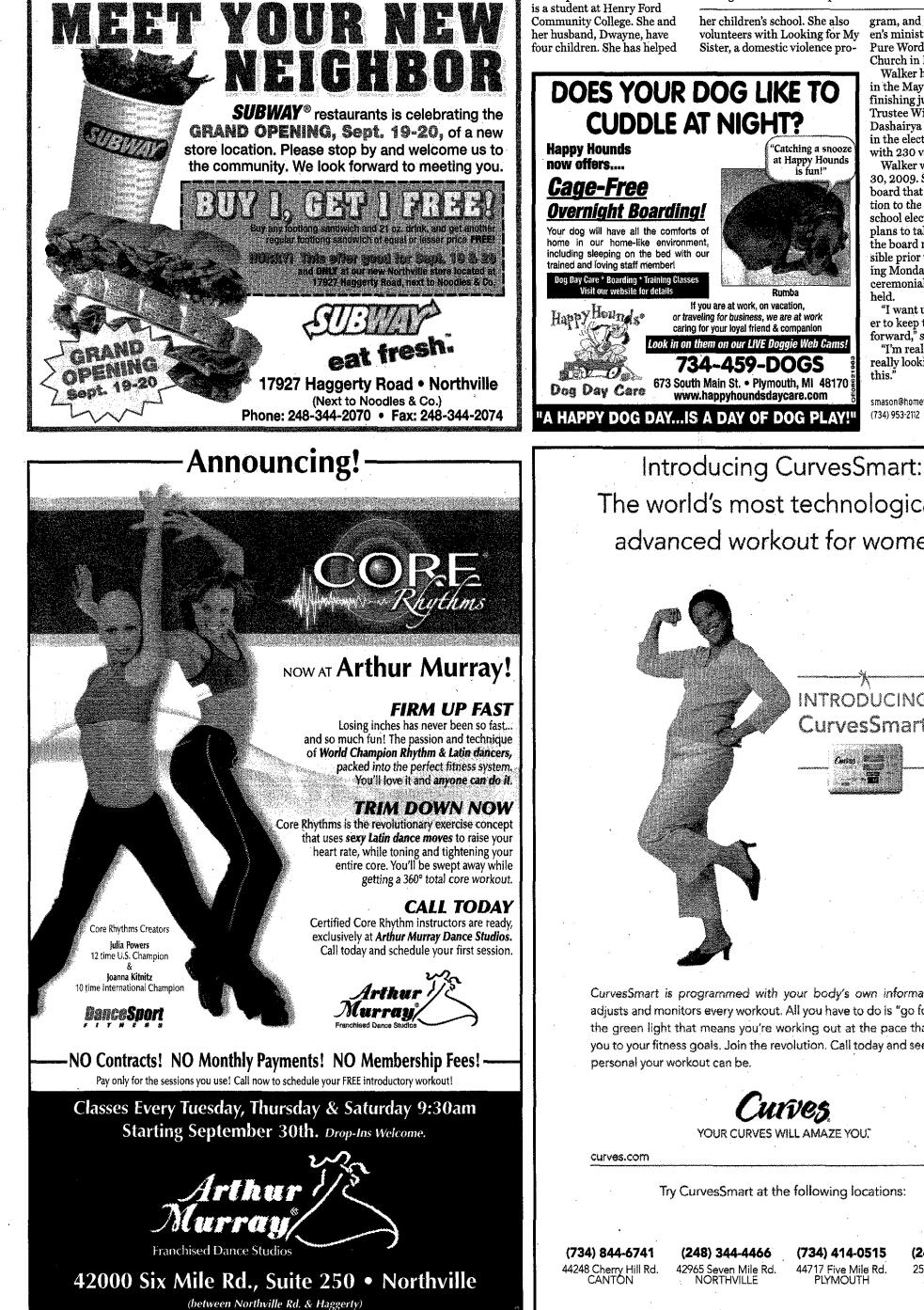
Walker will serve until June 30, 2009. She has told the board that she will seek election to the seat in next May's school election. She said she plans to talk to as many of the board members as possible prior to her first meeting Monday, Sept. 22, when a ceremonial swearing-in will be held.

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"I want us all to work together to keep this district moving forward," she said.

"I'm really excited, I'm really looking forward to this."

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e have all seen the devastation caused by Hurricane Ike. We are lucky to live in an area that doesn't experience the same natural disasters as other parts of the country. We do, however, have our share of severe weather and the result of those storms can be catastrophic. Last weekend, high winds in Plymouth and Livonia and flooding throughout the metro area showed we are not immune from nature's wrath.

It is important to do all we can to reduce the financial effects caused by natural disasters.

As part of good personal financial planning, there are a few simple things to reduce the financial impact of a storm.

The first is to have a current up-to-date inventory of the contents of your home. I recommend a video inventory. Even though the majority have homeowner's insurance, it is important to document loss. Video documentation provides strong evidence.

It's hard to remember everything that you own. Video inventory is an effective way to remind the homeowner of his/her contents. I find video much more effective than photographs because it offers



Money Matters light certain aspects of their home. Rick Bloom Record cop-

ies of appraisals or other

receipts of significant purchases. Remember, the purpose of the video is to provide proof to an insurance company of losses and to remind the homeowner of his/her contests.

It is important to store the video in a location other than your home. For the tech-savvy, there are many Web sites available to store the information. If, however, you're not tech-savvy, keeping a copy in your safety deposit box is a good alternative.

And while taking inventory, it's also an excellent time to review homeowner's coverage. All too often, people renew their homeowner's coverage when it comes due. They never look at updating coverage.

All homeowner's insurance is not the same. There are differences between the companies and those differences can affect the coverage, so it pays to shop around.

For the majority of people, a house is the single largest investment they will make, so it is important to have proper coverage.

Remember that the lowest bid on insurance is not necessarily the best one. If you can obtain better coverage at a lower price, that is fine. However, price is only one factor. One of the most important issues is how the company handles claims. You can have all the coverage you want, but if you can't collect when there is a claim, the policy is worthless.

Whenever I buy any type of insurance, I use the Internet to research how the insurance company pays claims.

Mother Nature's fury can arise at any time, so it is important to protect yourself and that includes having an up-to-date video inventory and homeowner's policy.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400). Please join the Detroit area's most esteemed business and community leaders at Madonna University's

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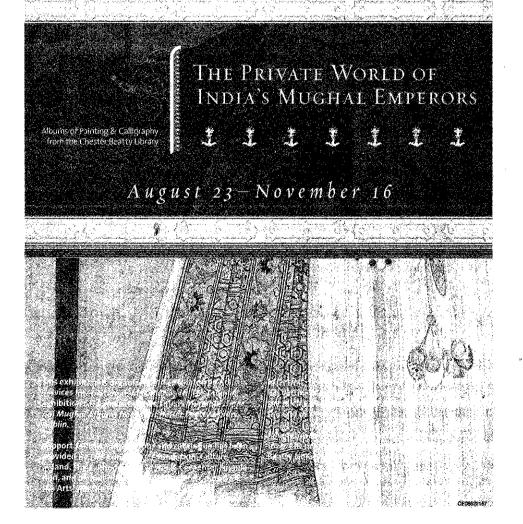
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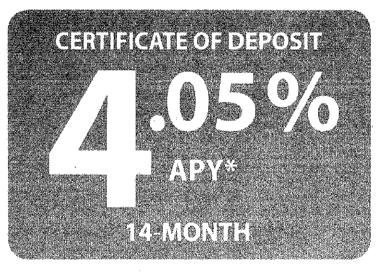


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# Emergency exercise will test our readiness

What would happen if a terrorist group poisoned our water supply, or let off some kind of dirty bomb at one of our schools? How would our community respond? While some might not want to think about such unthinkable situations, these are legitimate questions that we must face, especially with the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks having just passed.

Canton Township and Plymouth-Canton Schools officials will try to answer them today. And not just hypothetically. They will be teaming up with emergency response officials from around the region in several simultaneous mock exercises that will test their emergency preparedness.

Plymouth-Canton staff and students will be put to the test this morning with a hazardous material incident at Plymouth High School that will trigger an evacuation. All Plymouth High, students will actually participate in the exercise and be removed from the school. At the same time, students and staff at all the other schools in the district will be holding "shelter in place" exercises during the course of the day.

While the schools deal with their exercise, Canton emergency officials will be coordinating with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to deal with a simulated chlorine leak at the waste water treatment plant, as well as a water emergency that will cause a shutdown of the water system to much of Wayne County. While they won't actually shut the water service down to the community, Canton officials will go through all the procedures necessary to do so. They will go through all the safety rules, as well as send personnel out to the main valves (located at secret sites) that would cut off water to the community.

According to Canton Public Service Director Tim Faas, the main goal is to test all the procedures that have been put into place since the major blackout of August 2003 exposed some inefficiencies in the way water officials respond to emergencies, especially the lack of communication between different agencies.

Other mock exercises today will include a live burn at the massive Marathon Oil facility in Detroit and several terrorist attacks, including a radiological dirty bomb, in Oakland County. Put together, it is being billed as one of the most comprehensive disaster training exercises ever performed in this country, and will test local, state and federal officials, as well as American Red Cross and Salvation Army personnel.

By the end of the day today, we will have a pretty good idea how much we've learned since Sept. 11, 2001, changed our world.

# Deer hunters must abide with ban against baiting



#### LETTERS

#### Don't lower drinking age

I am a sixth-grade student at Discovery Middle School and I'd like to comment on the article from the Sept. 7 paper on keeping the drinking age at 21. I agree with the *Canton Observer*'s position. The Amethyst Initiative's position to lower the legal drinking age did not include facts on how binge drinking would be reduced by lowering the drinking age. I don't understand how this would be effective.

For example, if I was at a college party drinking beer, wine or liquor, I would think I would drink the same quantity whether I bought it myself legally or obtained it illegally. This would not change the discipline of knowing when to stop when I've had enough. I feel the biggest prevention to binge drinking would be to impose consequences for poor behavior. Since college students and their parents are spending huge amounts of money on tuition, room and board, etc., I would think the threat of suspension, expulsion or fines would be a fairly effective solution to control binge drinking.

Mitch Coral

Canton

a supporter of Dian Slavens for state representative of District 21. Dian and her family have repeatedly proven to be pillars of our community.

Dian is running to create good jobs and protect our workers. She wants to strengthen our schools, and she will fight to make sure that everyone has access to affordable health care. With her experience as a health care professional, she has the knowledge to address the issues that affect so many of us.

Dian is a mother, a grandmother, a former Sunday school teacher and a dedicated member of this community. Dian is not a career politician; she's a concerned citizen who believes that she can make a difference and improve life in District 21 and across Michigan.

Please cast your vote for Dian Slavens on Nov. 4. She will never ignore or turn her back on the needs of the residents of District 21.

Mary Young

Canton

#### **Boycott McDonald's**

Did you know the American Family Association has called for a howart of I believe that Barack Obama is what this country needs to get it back on track. The problems are enormous, but he seems like a leader that is up to the task. A President Obama will bring a breath of fresh air and new ideas to Washington and this great country of ours.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus J. Hejka Canton

#### Taj is qualified

As a former Plymouth Township trustee (1988-92) and state representative (2000-06), I want to offer my endorsement of Dr. Syed Taj for trustee in Canton Township. He is a man of the highest intelligence and sensitivity, who will take an honest look at the issues and vote for the best interests of the people of Canton Township.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a well-qualified candidate for trustee in Dr. Taj, who is currently the chief of medicine at Oakwood Hospital. What a refreshing contribution Dr. Taj would make on the Board of Trustees with his kindness and caring for the citizens of Canton and his intellectual honesty for the community.

Michigan's annual deer hunting season will get under way today with a special five-day antlerless-only firearm season in areas of the state where large deer numbers have been a problem. It will continue next weekend with the annual youth/disabled veterans hunt, and then archery season begins Oct. 1.

Roughly three-quarters of a million deer hunters will take to the state's fields and forests between now and Jan. 1, when all the various deer hunting seasons conclude. During that time, they will contribute about \$500 million to the state economy through the purchase of food, lodging, transportation and hunting equipment.

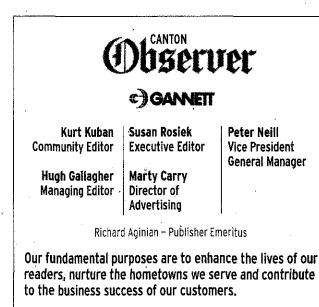
One of the items many deer hunters have become accustomed to purchasing is bait — the apples, carrots, sugar beets, corn and other food sources hunters use to lure deer within shooting distance. This year, however, using such bait in the state's Lower Peninsula is illegal. The Department of Natural Resources instituted the baiting ban Aug. 25 after discovering a captive deer in Kent County had contracted chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal neurological sickness that causes infected animals to quit eating.

There is no doubt that many hunters will simply ignore or openly defy the baiting ban, which was instituted because bait piles attract large numbers of deer into close quarters where diseases like CWD can easily be spread. Not only is such behavior irresponsible, it is also reckless. If CWD becomes widespread, it could have a devastating impact on not only the state's deer herd, but also on the economy as well. Too many small-town businesses rely on the revenue produced by deer hunters to survive.

As it is, hunter numbers have been on the decline for several years. A sick deer herd would only make this worse.

DNR conservation officers say they will be on the lookout for illegal bait piles. Violators would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and \$500 in fines, and could lose their hunting privileges.

Hunters can do their part to help stop the spread of CWD by not using bait this deer hunting season.



Get library card

Today, parents make sure their kids have the gear they need for all of their activities. Kids have uniforms for soccer, safety helmets for bike riding and new backpacks and binders for a new school year. However, they might have overlooked the most important supply of all.

September is Library Card Signup Month, the perfect time to make sure kids are equipped with a library card. A library card can give kids access to free homework help, materials to research their papers or information for their next book report. It can also help make life after school more fun, with free access to music, DVDs, the Internet and more.

Of course, library cards are not just for kids. According to a recent household survey by the American Library Association, 44 percent of parents report that they bring their children to the library because it gives them something to do together. Parents can help their children explore new interests and, at the same time, enjoy a family program or pick out a best seller for themselves. Best of all, family time at the library won't break the bank. The library and its resources are free with a library car.

This month, make sure your kids gear up for school by signing up for a library card. No matter how crammed the backpack or a family's schedule, there's always room for the smartest card of all, a library card.

#### James Gillig

chair, Canton Library Board of Trustees

## Slavens committed to community

As a long-term resident of Canton, I am proud to consider myself a friend and neighbor of the Slavens family and Association has called for a boycott of McDonald's, which has corporate membership in the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce? "The NGLCC is more than commerce," said Buddy Smith, AFA spokesman. "In fact, they're a political machine with a mission of radically changing America by redefining marriage and family." Recently, McDonald's prepared a special commercial sponsoring the television broadcast of San Francisco's June 28-29 gay pride parade.

Don Wildmon, AFA founder, wrote McDonald's corporate offices earlier this year with a plea for the company to remain neutral in the culture war by disassociating from NGLCC's Web site, where McDonald's is cited as a partner. He also asked that the company withdraw Richard Ellis' endorsement from the gay Web site. Ellis is McDonald's vice president of communications. McDonald's allegedly refused both requests.

Still want to buy the kids a "Happy Meal?"

> Barb Schmid Canton

#### It's time for change

Eight years of Republican rule has brought us record deficits, a \$10 trillion debt, 50 million people without health care, runaway health care costs, an unnecessary and costly war, mounting environmental problems, a dangerously warming climate, a banking and foreclosure crisis, a crashing stock market, falling home values, millions seeing their retirement savings disappear, out of control gas prices, an unstable job market and on and on. It's time for real change and new solutions to these growing problems. As much as I admire John McCain, he is too strongly linked to George W. Bush and his failed domestic and foreign policies. We cannot afford to continue down the road we are heading.

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"Because of our trainers and doctors on staff we can stabilize and feel comfortable we are clearly within safety guidelines to provide appropriate response time to any kind of injuries. Booster clubs meeting with the athletic department still felt a need, and we compromised by putting someone out there for varsity games only. The money would come out of the concession stand funds."

- Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Craig Fiegel, explaining that the district will spend \$2,000 to have a Canton Fire Department EMS unit stationed during varsity football games

Dr. Syed Taj has been a resident of Wayne County for 25 years and has been deeply involved in community activities in Canton Township. He is accessible, open and accountable to the people for the operation of Canton Township government. Dr. Taj's highest priority is to bring services to the citizens of Canton. • It is my hope that you will have the chance to directly talk with Dr. Taj at the Sept. 25 voters forum with the Canton Chamber of Commerce. You are encouraged to find out more about Dr. Syed Taj on his Web site at www.syedtaj. com or e-mail at svedtaj1@yahoo.com. I ask for your vote for Dr. Syed Taj on

Nov. 4.

John C. Stewart Plymouth 

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LOCAL NEWS

Valerie has come full circle at Wayne Memorial High School. A 1993 graduate, she served as an assistant principal before taking over as principal this year.

# 'Passionate about her job'

## New Wayne Memorial principal aims to nurture students

#### BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Ask Valerie Orr about Wayne Memorial High School and she talks about it feeling like home

As a student, the school was her "second home." With all the activities she was involved in, she spent more time there than at her family home on Franklin Street in Wayne.

"My favorite part was the warmth and the relationship with the students, the staff and the administration," she said. "It was a safe place to be where people cared about you."

Fifteen years after she graduated, Orr is focusing on continuing that nurturing as the high school's new principal.

"I know what it meant for me as a student, and it's important for me that the students know they have that here." she said

Orr replaces John Albrecht, who moved to the district's administrative offices as the

executive director of student and legal affairs. - It was Albrecht who brought Orr to Wayne Memorial as an

assistant principal at Wayne Memorial. Her knowledge of Wayne Memorial, her candidness in her answers and genuineness about herself led him to "want her on my staff."

"Pretty much everything I gave her to do, I didn't have to follow up on," said Albrecht. "She did an awesome job."

And he believes that will continue with her move to principal.

"I don't think I know anybody as passionate about her job, she loves Wayne Memorial High School," said Albrecht. "I believe she could pretty much overcome anything to lead that building."

Wayne-Westland has been a part of Orr's life since kindergarten. She grew up in Canton and attended Walker-Winter Elementary. In eighth-grade, her family moved to Wayne. She graduated from Wayne

Memorial in 1993.

While at Wayne High, she played softball and was involved in student government and the yearbook. As the yearbook editor, she would run. from her AP calculus class on the first floor to the third floor "to keep up with what the staff was doing and then run downstairs to get her calculus notes."

She also served on the school improvement team when accreditation was coming into vogue.

"I wanted to be on the team, I loved being on the team," she said. "When I left for college I didn't want to give it up, so they made me the community member."

An opportunity to tutor a middle school student lead her to becoming a mathematics teacher. It took eight years and two universities for her to get her degree. While in school, she worked as a dispatcher for the Wayne Police Department and a waitress at Wayne Bowl.

She also sold Princess House products on the side. When she was hired by the district in 2000, taking a pay cut to go into teaching. Orr found out she got the

principal's job in time to tell the staff before they left on summer vacation.

"The staff was so supportive," she said. "When it happened, it felt like I had my own cheering section."

She admits that giving up the classroom has been hard, she loves being with the kids. But she has realized the impact she can have as a principal on 2,000 kids, the kind impact she experienced as a student at Wayne High. "I've been very blessed in this district, it's opened doors

for me," Orr said. "Every one that opened I've stepped through. This district has been good to me since kindergarten."

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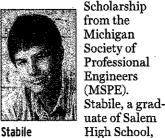
### Giving back to the community

At a recent Canton Rotary Club meeting, members donated backpacks and school supplies to the Plymouth Canton Clothing Bank, which collects new underwear, new and gently used clothing, school supplies, and monetary donations for students and families in the Plymouth-Canton School District who are in need of help in obtaining these items. The Clothing Bank operates during the school year and is open by appointment only. Families in the district whose children need their services can call (734) 416-6179 to make an appointment, and residents who are able to help the Clothing Bank by donating items can also call. Last year the Clothing Bank helped approximately 650 families in district. Seated are Canton Rotary Club President Ken Beardsley and Clothing Bank volunteer Dorothy Blazek. Standing are Rotary members (from left) Larry Oldford, Roland Leist, Roger Haslick, Martha Snow, Bill Brown, Mary Beardsley, Gerry Folk, John Kowalski, Ansel Dooley, Scott Osborne, and Bill Tesen. For more information on the Canton Rotary Club, please contact Susan Kowalski at (734) 968-1436.

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#### Student awarded scholarship

Canton's Kyle Stabile has won a \$1,000 University of Michigan-Dearborn



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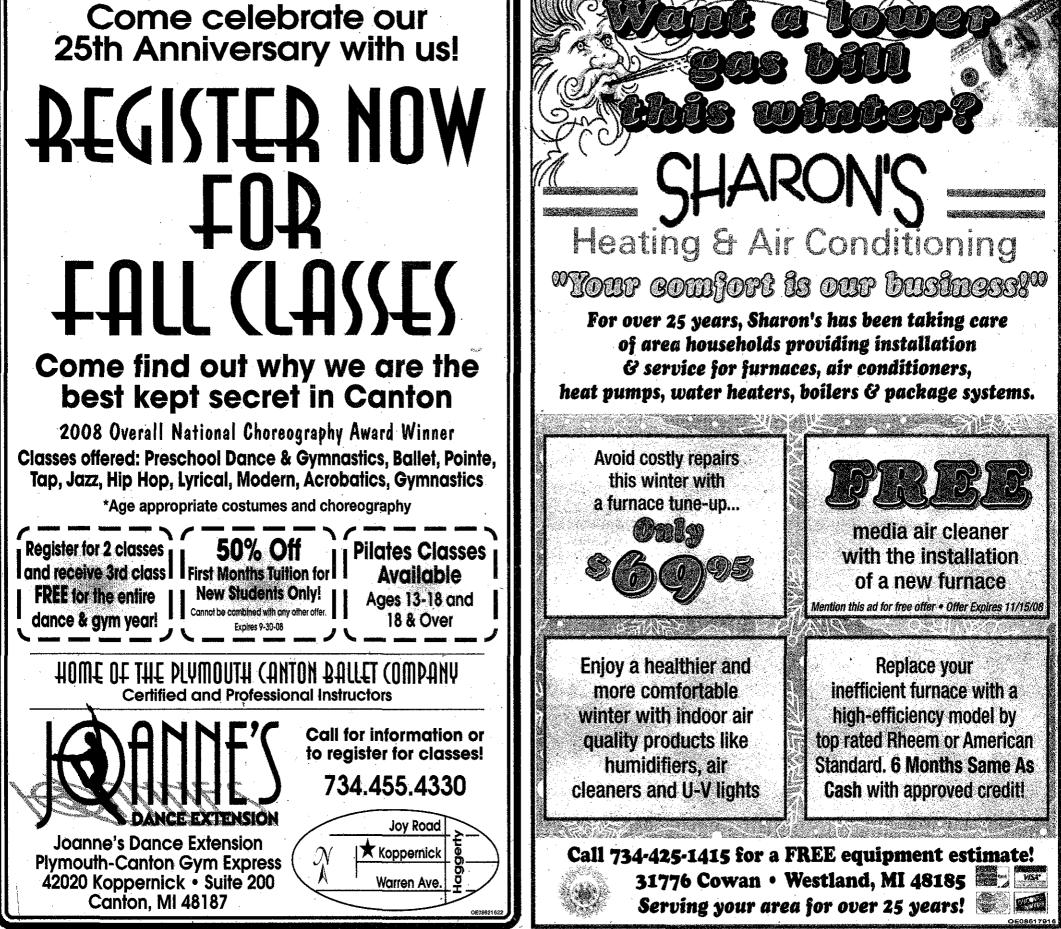
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voyager.net or visiting www. michiganspe.org. Princeton theological

#### graduate

Geila Rajaee of Canton received the Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary at the school's 196th commencement exercises in May. The Master of Divinity is a three-year graduate degree that is the basic professional degree for ministry. The Seminary awarded a total of 219 degrees at the commencement exercises.

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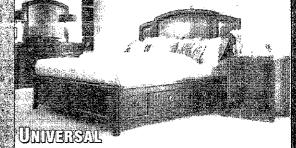
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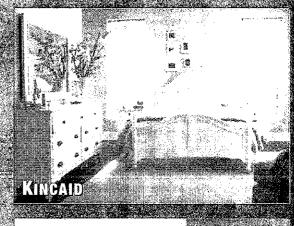
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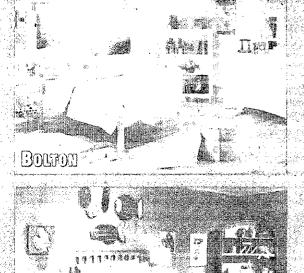
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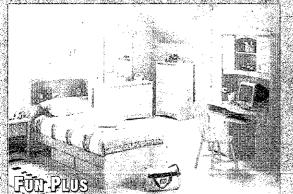
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# Plans for new indoor soccer league unveiled

The Xtreme Soccer League on Tuesday launched the next phase in the evolution of the sport of indoor soccer by introducing the Xtreme Soccer Xperience at the Milwaukee Theatre in downtown Milwaukee, Wis.

Commissioner Brian Loftin was joined by the league's initial investors in unveiling both the league and the Xtreme Soccer Xperience (XSX), an interactive, year-round operation debuting in four cities — Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit and Newark, N.J.

"The Xperience brings together the essence of the game, and allows participants, either through the web or through their own sweat, to be a part of this lifestyle brand," said Loftin, who won three championships as an indoor player and one more in the front office of the Milwaukee Wave.

Most recently, Loftin had been chief operating officer of the Chicago Storm. Among the facets of the XSX that

were introduced on Tuesday: League play: Teams will play a 20game season from December through March. Rules will remain unchanged from the previous season, including multiple-point scoring. The complete league schedule will be announced within a week.

Web site: At www.xtremesl.net, fans will find a concise and fresh connection with the Xtreme Soccer Xperience. Features to come include live webstreaming of all games, an online fantasy game, access to videos, photos and wallpapers, fan-created highlight videos and the opportunity to post freestyle juggling footage.

Participation: Throughout the year, the XSL and its teams will host 3 v 3, street soccer, beach soccer, futsal, soccer tennis and other tournaments for youth and adults. Player development, including the expansion of existing camp programs and team-operated training centers, is another focus of the XSX.

Players: Marcio Leite is the first player signed by the Xtreme Soccer League and assigned to the Milwaukee Wave. Leite, 24, is a dynamic Brazilian who was second-team all-league last year. Throughout the year, the XSL will introduce more elements of the XSX,

including additional cities.

Visit www.xtremesl.net for updates on the league.

# Salem sparked by Cope's amazing goal

Rocks, Spartans tie. Please see Page B3.

BY ED WRIGHT Observer staff writer

With 17:07 left in Saturday night's Salem-Canton boys soccer match, the Rocks' student cheering section started chanting, *Mis-ter Soccer! Mis-ter Soc-cer!* 

The chants were directed at Salem senior defender Kevin Cope — and for good reason.

Cope snapped a scoreless draw with a twisting, helicopter-like shot from the top of the 18yard box that Salem coach Ed McCarthy called "one of the best I've ever seen."

The goal, which was assisted by Sal Savage off a corner kick from Garret Rogers, ignited the Rocks' 2-1 victory in an entertaining contest that was played in a driving rain.

"That may have been the best goal in the history of Salem soccer — it was at least in the top 10," said McCarthy, referring to Cope's rocket that settled in the right top shelf of the net. "He kind of side-volleyed it. How he got up as high as he did was amazing.

"There are only a handful of players in the state who could do that."

Prior to Cope's masterpiece, both teams' defenses ruled. Canton's back line of Joel Langdon, Brandon Burt and Phil Rollinger matched Salem's defensive nucleus of Matt Calupina, Cope and Jace Bearden move for move. Jeremy Stoychoff doubled Salem's lead to 2-0 with 1:56 left when he bounced a hard shot past Canton goalie Kai Walther. Canton's Scott Zech scored 27 seconds later to bring the Chiefs to within 2-1, however, Salem managed to hang on over the final 89 seconds.



Canton's boys cross-country team chalked up an impressive dual-meet victory over Livonia Churchill Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park to set up a showdown with cross-campus rival Plymouth next Tuesday. Both teams will take 2-0 records into the meet.





Jordyn Moore Ied Salem's cross country team to a pivotal victory over perennial powerhouse Livonia Stevenson Tuesday afternoon at Cass Benton Park. Moore covered the 5,000meter course in 20:51.

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#### PCA gridders notch 1st win

The Plymouth Christian Academy football team registered the first victory in its inaugural season, 14-12, over the Lansing Chariots in a Christian Football League of Michigan contest played Saturday.

Josh Lowman and Richard Truhn scored touchdowns for the Eagles, who also received a twopoint conversion run from J.R. Hope.

Jordan Allen and Lowman both turned in strong ground games for the winners.

Defensively, the Eagles were spearheaded by Blake VanTiem, Jordan Early-Pitts, Lowman and Jimmy Murray. The defensive play of the game was turned in by Zachary Hare, who made a pivotal fourth-down tackle to stymie a late Chariot drive.

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Five of the six Plymouth-Canton Educational Park cross country teams that competed in dual meets at Cass Benton Park Tuesday afternoon ran away with victories. Salem's boys and girls contingents both improved to 2-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division by sweeping Livonia Stevenson while both of Plymouth's teams did the same to Livonia Franklin. Canton's boys squad defeated Livonia Churchill, however, the Chiefs girls squad fell to the powerful Chargers.

For details on all of the meets, please see pages B4-5.

# Puck to drop on 2008-09 OHL season Quartet of NHL draftees set to lead Whalers' title quest

**BY ED WRIGHT** OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Whalers will be facing a good news/bad news scenario when their blades hit the ice Friday night in their 2008-09 Ontario Hockey League season opener at Kitchener.

The bad news: Coach Greg Stefan's unit will be missing arguably its four best players for the early portion of the season.

The good news: The high-quality quartet — goalie Jeremy Smith; forwards A.J. Jenks and Chris Terry; and defenseman Michal Jordan — will all be away at NHL training camps, a fact that sheds light on how much talent exists within the nucleus of the team.

"It's disappointing we're going to be missing those guys, but we're not the only team that's in this situation," said Stefan, the former Detroit Red Wing goalie who took over the head-coaching reins last December when Mike Vellucci decided to focus his attention on his general manager and team president roles. "Although

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#### LET'S GET IT STARTED

What: Opening weekend for Plymouth Whalers;

When: Friday night at Kitchener, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at Compuware Arena vs. Erie Otters, 7:05 p.m.;

Last season: Plymouth finished 34-28-2-4, which was good enough for fifth place in the West Division of the OHL's Western Conference. The Whalers were swept in the first round of the playoffs by Kitchener. Who to watch: The Whalers will be led by four players who are currently displaying their skills in NHL training camps: forwards Chris Terry and A.J. Jenks; defenseman Michal Jordan; and goalie Jeremy Smith. Teams to beat: OHL Western Conference. rivals Windsor and London are ranked No. 1 and No. 3, respectively, in the preseason Canadian Hockey League rankings. How to purchase tickets: Call (734) 453-8400

The Eagles travel to Jackson on Saturday to take on the Troy Defenders. The game is slated to kick off at 4 p.m.

#### Lacrosse leagues and lessons

Registration is now open for All-American Lacrosse indoor programs available at the new Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

Lacrosse leagues for boys and girls of all ages are offered as well as lacrosse training programs and classes for beginners who want to discover the sport.

Programs begin the week of Oct. 20. Registrations are accepted online, by fax or by mail.

For more information, visit www.all-american lacrosse.com or call (248) 333-3929.

#### Coaches: Please report results

Local high school athletic coaches are encouraged to report results of their team's games to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who can be reached at (734) 953-2108 or ewright@hometownlife.com.

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Plymouth Whalers goalie Matt Hackett, pictured above making a save during a regular-season contest last year, will be counted on to anchor the team's defense while No. 1 netminder Jeremy Smith is away at the Nashville Predators' training camp.

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# Schools are playing hot potato with league affiliations

ootball drives most conference affiliations. So with the impending break-up of the Michigan Mega

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seeking a 24th member, the scramble begins.

consisting of eight schools after Clawson left for the Macomb

Area Conference, could also be in for a shake-up with the apparent application by Macomb Lutheran North to join the Catholic League.

Current Metro member Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, with no football program, will join the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference in 2009-10.

Meanwhile, Lutheran High Westland of the Metro has already been extended in invitation to join the MIAC, which has only three current football programs among its 12 members.

With the brand-new school, Howell Parker, on the shelf indefinitely, the four-division KLAA is seeking a new partner to even out things.

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Rumored KLAA candidates to be the 24th member include Belleville, Redford Union and Dearborn High, all of Mega, along with Grand Ledge of the Capital Area Activities Association.

So who's left picking up the pieces for 2009-10 is anybody's guess. The remaining Mega and the

Metro members may have to form some sort of alliance. Stay tuned.

As far as your prognosticators, Plymouth-Canton sports editor Ed Wright never seems to be wrong these days. He remained on a hot streak last week picking 9-of-10 games correctly to improve to 27-9 overall.

I had a fair week for a change after a dismal start, going 8-2 to pull even at 22-14 overall to tie Redford-Garden City sports editor Tim Smith in the overall standings. Smith went 6-4. Here is a sneak preview at this

weekend's action:

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES (ALL AT 7 P.M.)

LIV. CHURCHILL (1-2, 0-1) AT LIV. FRANKLIN (2-1, 1-0): The Patriots are averaging 47 points per game and are doing it with a pair of key injured players (Nate Robinson and David Fortin). Churchill is coming off a 26-0 loss to Glenn as starting quarterback Grant Morgan went down with an ankle injury. PICKS: Emons (Franklin); Smith (Franklin); Wright (Franklin). CANTON (3-0, 1-0) at WESTLAND GLENN (1-2, 1-0): The Chiefs are back

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in the state rankings following a 26-16 win over rival Plymouth as Adam Payter rushed for 254 yards on 18 carries. Glenn, meanwhile, blanked Churchill 26-0 with 411 yards rushing to give rookie coach Tim Hardin his first win. PICKS: Emons (Canton); Smith (Canton); Wright (Canton).

WAYNE (0-3, 0-1) at PLYMOUTH (2-1, 0-1): Zebras rookie coach Kevin Weber is still searching for its first victory, while Plymouth hopes to get back into the KLAA-South Division race after falling to rival Canton. PICKS: Emons (Plymouth); Smith (Plymouth); Wright (Plymouth).

LIV. STEVENSON (2-1, 1-0) at SOUTH LYON (1-2, 0-1): The Spartans romped to an easy 40-7 victory last week over Salem in their KLAA+Central Division opener. Stevenson now travels to "The "Jungle" where the Lions have lost their last two including a 21-20 setback to Northville. **PICKS:** Emons (Stevenson); Smith (Stevenson); Wright (Stevenson).

NOVI (2-1, 1-0) vs. SALEM (0-3, 0-1) at P-CEP: The Wildcats cruised to a 61-19 KLAA-Central Division win over South Lyon East and should breeze against a Salem team which is only 13-62 since the new millennium began. PICKS: Emons (Novi); Smith (Novi); Wright (Novi)

REDFORD UNION (1-2, 0-2) at DBN: FORDSON (3-0, 2-0): The Panthers had a tough time last week with fellow Mega-White Division foe Woodhaven. losing 27-0. Now are has the task of beating state-ranked and Mega-Red favorite Fordson, which is coming off a 26-6 win over Belleville. PICKS: Emons (Fordson); Smith (Fordson); Wright (Fordson).

GARDEN CITY (1-2, 0-2) at HIGHLAND PARK (1-2, 1-1): The Cougars were stymied 35-3 by Ypsilanti last week and now face the Polar Bears in a Mega-Blue matchup. Highland Park's only win was a stunning 24-22 victory in Week 2 over highly-regarded Inkster. PICKS: Emons (Highland Park); Smith (Highland Park), Wright (Highland

WILLOW RUN (2-1, 1-1) at RED. THURSTON (1-2, 1-0): Records can be deceiving. Thurston is coming off a 38-0 loss to Inkster, while the Flyers have a 47-6 win over Ecorse and a forfeit win over Connor Creek Academy, sandwiched in between is a 34-14 loss to Dearborn Heights Crestwood, PICKS: Emons (Thurston); Smith (Thurston); Wright (Thurston).

LUTHERAN N'WEST (3-0, 2-0) at CLARENCEVILLE (3-0, 2-0): It's another showdown for first place in the Metro Conference as the Trojans are coming off a signature 30-14 win over Harper Woods. Northwest is coming off a 35-20 win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and blanked Macomb Lutheran North, 27-0, the previous week. PICKS: Emons (Clarenceville); Smith (L. N'west); Wright (Clarenceville)

RED. COVENANT (2-1, 1-0) at ROMULUS SUMMIT (0-3, 0-1): The Spartans bounced back from their second-week loss to Detroit Loyola by skunking Star International, 45-0. Summit, nicknamed the Dragons, have yet to breath fire after being outscored 130-6 in three games, including a 43-0 setback last week to Southfield Christian. PICKS: Emons (Covenant); Smith (Covenant); Wright (Covenant). SATURDAY'S GAME

(1 p.m. start) LUTHERAN NORTH (1-2, 0-1) at LUTH. WESTLAND (1-2, 1-1): Lutheran North is an uncharacteristic 0-2 in the Metro Conference, but is coming off a 22-0 win over Detroit University Prep. Lutheran Westland, meanwhile, needed a last-second TD from Steve Kemp to beat Hamtramck last week, 12-8. PICKS: Emons (North); Smith (Westland); Wright (North).

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# Rocks, Spartans battle to draw

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It was a game of chess Monday night between two of the state's Division 1 boys soccer powers and the result was a 1-1 stalemate between No. 1-ranked Salem and No. 3 Livonia Stevenson.

The visiting Spartans nearly had checkmate after Brian Klemczak headed home Kendal Snow's pinpoint throw-in with 32:32 left in the match before the Rocks earned the draw as Matt Woster scored off a header from teammate Josh Pascarella with less than six minutes to play.

With the tie, Salem is 11-0-2 overall, while Stevenson is 8-1-2.

The game-tying goal by Woster came with only 5:54 remaining following a corner kick by senior defender Matt Calupina, who served a ball into the top of the Stevenson goal area and into a maze of players.

"It was great header that J.P. (Pascarella) was able to put into the far side of the box and it was a big a finish goal as you can have," Salem coach Ed McCarthy said.

Stevenson's goal, meanwhile, was initiated by the 6foot-4 Snow, a senior defender, who placed his throw-in perfectly to Klemczak, a senior forward.

The set-piece Stevenson score was not a surprise from

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 19 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 7 p.m.

Novi at Salem on PCEP JV football field, 7 p.m. Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m. PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Sept. 18 Plymouth at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Northville at Salem, 7 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.

PCA at Agape, 4:30 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL

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Thursday, Sept. 18 Inter-City at PCA, 7 p.m Saturday, Sept. 20

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McCarthy's standpoint. "It was a rocket," he said. "That's how they scored against Novi. We knew it was coming and we prepared for it, and still couldn't stop it. We have to be more effective

ners." Salem<sup>1</sup>got a boost late in the game from senior Jace Beardon, who is returning from an injury.

against throw-ins and cor-

Stevenson, coming off its first loss of the season, slipped from No. 2 slot in the Division 1 state rankings to No. 3 position after losing 2-1 Saturday to Troy Athens. The Spartans are in the midst of a difficult stretch with four matches in six days including another battle Tuesday night with KLAA-Central foe and No. 2-ranked Northville (8-1, 3-1).

Stevenson's record is 3-0-1 in the tough KLAA-Central, while Salem is 2-0-2. Northville is also lurking at 3-1 going into Tuesday's showdown at Stevenson.

"We were solid and it was a fair result," McCarthy said. "Today's match was big enough, but wait until Tuesday (Sept. 23) when we play them again (at Stevenson). There will be even a lot more at stake.'

CANTON 5, JOHN GLENN 0: On Tuesday, the Chiefs were bolstered by Josh Hurst's hattrick and a two-goal effort by

Scott Zech.

Kvle Breitmeyer contributed two assists and Sherif Hassanien added one.

Nick Turnbull and Tai Walter split time in net for Canton, which improved to 6-3-3 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South Division.

The Rockets slipped to 3-8-1 and 2-3, respectively.

AGAPE 9, PARKWAY 1: On Tuesday at Independence Park in Canton, the Wolverines rolled behind the six-goal, two-assist performance of Donald Mullett.

Daniel Mullett also shined for the winners, recording one goal and two assists. Josiah Wyatt scored the other two goals for Agape, which improved to 2-6 overall and 1-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. Parkway dropped to 0-8 and 0-5, respectively.

Justin Benbow was in net for the Wolverines.

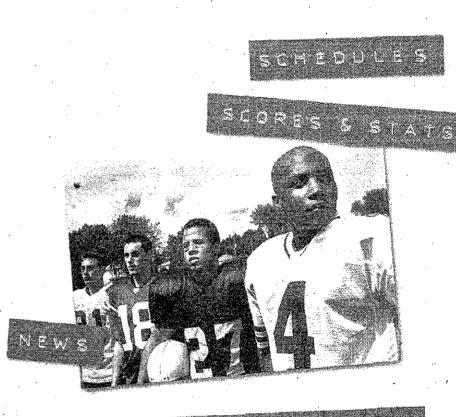
Landon Cook and Ethan Walker also played well in the win, Agape coach Dan DeWitt said.

SALEM 7, SOUTH LYON EAST 0: On Tuesday, the Rocks dismantled the first-year Cougars as Kevin Cope registered three goals and a hat-trick. Jace Bearden, Sal Savage (two) and Lachlan Savage also tallied net-finders for the winners, who improved to 12-0-2. Sasa Miskovic stopped all three shots that came his way.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Saturday, Sept. 20 Salem and Canton (boys only) at Jackson Invitational at Sharp Park, 10 a.m. BOYS TENNIS Friday, Sept. 19 John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Northville at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Friday, Sept. 19 Churchill at Plymouth at Hickory Creek, 3 p.m. Salem at South Lyon, 3 p.m. Canton at Wayne, 3 p.m. GIRLS SWIMMING Thursday, Sept. 18

Canton at Franklin, 6:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Sept. 18 Concordia JV at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Saturday, Sept. 20 Madonna at Davenport, 3 p.m. Schoolcraft at Parkland (III), 11 a:m. Schoolcraft at Parkland (III), 11 a:m. Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Heartland (III.), noon. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Fiday, Sept. 19 Oakton CC (III.) at Schoolcraft, 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 Madonna at Davenport, noon. Sunday, Sept. 21 Schoolcraft at Jackson CC, 1 p.m

Plymouth at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.

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**TECUMSEH 110** 

**PLYMOUTH 75** Aug. 27 200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh (Allie Merritt, Gretchen Seidel, Leah Corby, Kirsten Clark), 1:58.41; 2. Plymouth, 2:03.29; 3. Tecumera 2:06.40

Allie Merritt (T), 2:26.83; 3. MAdison Tustian (P), 2:34.50.

50 freestyle: 1. Leah Corby (T), 25.50; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 27.42; 3. Danielle Sloan (T), 27.52.

1-meter diving: 1. Erin Lara (T), 152.70

points; 2. Alisha Payne (T), 148:65; 3. Sonya Mandeville (SMCC), 95:10. 100 butterfly: 1. Meghan Parks (T), 1:11.17; 2. Lauren Masiyk (P), 1:12.14; 3. Claire McCrate

(1), h3:12: 100 freestyle: 1. Michelle Chang (P), 57:56; 2. Chelsea Shartle (T), 1:02:07; 3. Kaitlyn VanDeCar (T), 1:02:93.

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Tecumseh, 2:06.40

### LOCAL SPORTS

#### **SWIM RESULTS**

500 freestyle: 1. Jessica Blevins (T), 6:14.24; 2. Lauren Maslyk (P), 6:15.06; 3. Brittanie Rice (T), 6:21.37.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Chelsea Shartle, Danielle Sloan, Kirsten Clark), 148.84; 2. Plymouth, 1:52.91; 3. Tecumseh, 1:57.83.

Tecumsen, 2:06.40 **200 freestyle:** 1. Michelle Chang (P), 2:10.71; 2. Chelsea Shartle (T), 2:18.66; 3. Alixe Kendrek (T), 2:21.66. **200 IM**: 1. Stephanie Matsui (P), 2:24.87; 2.

Tecumseh, 1:57.83. 100 backstroke: 1. Allie Merritt (T), 1:05.85; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 1:07.80; 3. Kaitiyn VanDeCar (T), 1:11.60. 100 breaststroke: 1. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:12.37; 2. Gretchen Seidel (T), 1:12.56; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 1:18.27. 400 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Leah Corby, Danielle Sloan, Chelsea Shartle, Allie Merritt), 3:59.73; 2. Plymouth, 4:04.38; 3. Tecumseh, 4:26.07.

Tecumseh, 4:26.0 MONROE 105 PLYMOUTH 80

Sept. 11 200-yard medley relay: 1. Monroe (Megan Hunter, Kirsten Smith, Candace Savonen, Jills Carps), 1:57.93; 2. Plymouth, 2:04 09 3 Plymouth 2:15:20

200 freestyle: 1. Candace Savonen (M),

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Poco Incorporated to include their property located at 4850 Sheldon road in an iIndustrial Development Districtî. The South Central Canton Industrial Development District will be amended to include the Poco Incorporated property.

#### **Current South Central Canton Industrial Development District**

The R. N. Johns Little Farms Subdivision Lots 1 through 8, 11 through 17, 20 through 97, and including the southerly 5.3 acres of parcel #132-99-001-0003.

#### Amend the South Central Canton Industrial Development District to include:

PT OF THE SW 1/4 SEC 34 T2S R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE CO, MICHIGAN, DESC AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE CENTER COR SEC 34 T2S, R8E 5 TH ALONG E AND W 1/4 LINE OF SAID SEC 34 9 89DEG 45M 01S W 43.00 FT TO POB TH S 00DEG 42M 06S E 514.34 FT TH S 89DEG 17M 55S W 557.00 FT TH S 06DEG 40M 15S W 85.79 FT TH S 89DEG 17M 55S W 714.91 FT TH N 00DEG 43M 30S W 609.54 FT TH N 89DEG 45M 01S E 1283.20 FT TO POB 16.706 ACRES SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD Tax ID#71-135-99-0001-706 PT OF THE SW 1/4 SEC 34 T2S R8E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE CO, MICHIGAN, DESC AS FÓLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE CENTER COR SEC 34 T2S, R8E TH ALONG N AND S 1/4 LINE OF SAID SEC 34 S 00DEG 42M 06S E 1171.00 FT TO POB TH S 00DEG 42M 06S E 713.46 FT TH S 89DEG 57M 20S W 429 FT TH S 00DEG 42M 06S E 759.05 FT TH S 89DEG 57M 20S W 896.17 FT TH N 00DEG 43M 30S W 2029.23 FT TH N 89DEG 17M 55S E 714.91 FT TH S 06DEG 40M 15S W 576.69 FT TH N 89DEG 17M 55S E 685 FT TO POB 45.996 ACRES SUBJECT TO RIGHTS OF PUBLIC OVER S'LY 33.00 FT (YOST ROAD) AND FLY 33.00 FT (SHELDON ROAD) AND ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD Tax ID#71-135-99-0001-707 Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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2:03.40; 2.Amanda Miller (M), 2:06.19; 3.

 Bichelle Chang (P), 2:07.69.
 **200 IM:** 1, Megan Hunter (M), 2:20.94; 2.
 Sijia Hao (P), 2:27.32; 3. Madison Tustian (P), 2:39.63.

50 freestyle: 1, Jill Carps (M), 26.68; 2, Ellen Palczynski (P), 27.11; 3. Paige Stevens (P), 28.51

(P), 28.51.
1-meter diving: 1. Alexis Michelin (M), 166.70 points; 2. Skylar Teal (M), 144.35; 3.
Jamie Newcomer (M), 139.00.
100 butterfly: 1. Kirsten Smith (M), 1:01.03; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 1:09.99; 3.
Melinda Deward (M), 1:15.38.
100 freestyle: 1. Michelie Chang (P), 58.34; 2. Jill Carps (M), 58.54; 3. Tessa Tekieli (M), 1:02.73.

500 freestyle: 1. Candace Savonen (M), 5:23.29; 2. Megan Hunter (M), 5:36.15; 3. Sijia Hao (P), 5:53.56.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Amanda Miller, Tessa Tekieli, Jill Carps, Magan Hunter), 1:48.95; 2. Plymouth, 1:49.25; 3.

Plymouth, 2:03.47. 100 backstroke: 1. Amanda Miller (M),

106.78; 2. Stephanie Matsui (P), 1:07.84; 3. Rachel Huhta (P), 1:12.00. 100 breaststroke: 1. Kirsten Smith (M), 1:09.35; 2. Ellen Palczynski (P), 1:13.12; 3. Tessa Tekieli (M), 1:19 01

400 freestyle relay: 1. Monroe (Amanda Miller, Candace Savonen, Kirsten Smith, Tessa Tekieli), 4:02.27; 2. Plymouth, 4:32.29; 3. Monroe, 4:45.80 DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 1-2.

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## **Rainy weather doesn't deter Wildcats**

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Plymouth's girls cross country team was in classic form at Saturday's Autumn Classić. The Wildcats won the event

for the second consecutive year when they registered 29 points, 20 less than runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy.

"It was a rainy, miserable day, but I told the girls that the conditions are the same for everybody," said Plymouth coach Mary Kerwin. "I told them their times won't be great, but they can still win, and they did."

Fifteen Wildcats medaled at the meet, which was held at Stony Creek Metropark. Leading the way was senior captain Molly Slavens, who covered the 5,000 meters in 20:28. Plymouth's Nicole Traitses was second in 20:43.

Other Wildcats scorers were Beth Heldmeyer (sixth in 21:08), Kelly Hahn (eighth in 21:38), Adrienne White (12th in 22:10), Julie Forster (13th in 22:12) and Britta Swanson

#### (14th in 22:16). Salem rocks Stevenson

Following Tuesday afternoon's dual meet against Livonia Stevenson, Salem is no longer an up-and-coming team.

The Rocks are there. Coach Dave Gerlach's squad ousted the perennially tough Spartans, 24-33, to improve to 2-0 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's Central Division.

"This is a big victory for us," said Gerlach. "Stevenson has been a powerhouse for decades, so to beat them is a thrill.

"The girls ran a very smart race. Stevenson was one through five at the mile mark, but our girls came from behind. This group of girls really wants it this year."

Salem was paced by Jordyn Moore, Victoria Tripp and Kelley Determan, who finished 2-3-4 behind's Stevenson's Courtney Calka.

GIRLS DUAL MEET RESULTS LIVONIA CHURCHILL 21, CANTON 38 Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Sara Kroll (Churchill), 19:15 (5,000 meters). Other Churchill finishers: 2. Amanda

Southwell, 20:20; 3. Emily Clairmont, 20:36; 7. Bethany Pilat, 21:15; 8. Lindsay McMullen;

Canton finishers: 4. Bianca Kubicki, 20:38; 5. Rachel Rohrbach, 20:48; 6. Sarah Thomas, 20:59; 11. Emily Southern, 21:55; 12. Abigail Gorzalski 21:58 Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-0 KLAA-

South Division; Canton, 1-1 KLAA-South

Division. SALEM 24, LIVONIA STEVENSON 33 Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Courtney Calka (Stevenson), 19:53 (5,000 meters).

Salem finishers: 2. Jordyn Moore, 20:51; 3. Victoria Tripp, 20:55; 4. Kelley Determan, 20:58; 7. Shannon Griffiths, 21:10; 8. Kelly Kewin, 21:14; 9. Phoebe VanHoof, 21:24; 12. Linda Ling. 21:32.

Other Stevenson finishers: 5. Karli Kuchka, 21:03; 6. Katie Vidler, 21:07; 10. Julia Capeneka, 21:24; 13. Michelle Krawczyk, 22:20; 11. Victoria Saferian, 21:30; 14. Rebecca

Dual meet records: Salem, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Stevenson, 2-0 KLAA-South Division. PLYMOUTH 22, LIVONIA FRANKLIN 37

Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park Individual winner: Megan McPherson, 19:29 (5,000 meters, sets own school course record).

Plymouth finishers: 2. Molly Slavens, 20:11; 3. Beth Heldmeyer, 20:18; 4. Nicole Traitses, 20:35; 5. Kelly Hahn, 20:46; 8. Julie Forster, 21:27; Britta Śwanson, 21:36; 10. Paula Green

21:57. Other Franklin finishers: 6. Brittany Dilley, 21:13; 7. Tiffany Lamble, 21:17; 11. Mallory Church, 22:09; 12. Kelly Walblay; 22:10; 13. Victoria Church, 22:42; 14. Shannon Niznik, 22:44

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Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Franklin, 0-2 KLAA-South Division.



#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES TO PITA EXPRESS CAFÉ & GRILL, LLC., d/b/a THE SHEIKH RESTAURANT 44934 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN 48187

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and for testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Pita Express Café & Grill, LLC., d/b/a The Sheikh Restaurant issuance of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales to be located at 44934 Ford Road, Canton Township, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Wayne County.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

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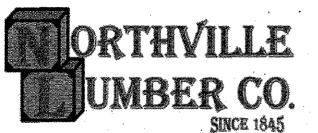


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# Swedish exchange student WHALERS making mark at Plymouth

#### BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Elmar Engholm has only been in the country a few weeks, but he's already setting cross country records at Plymouth High School.

On Saturday, the junior exchange student from Sweden became the first Wildcat to place first in a major invitational when he won the Holly Invitational. Running in a driving rain on a sloppy track, Engholm posted a time of 17:18, five seconds faster than runner-up Sean Bone of Lake Orion.

"Elmar ran a very smart race," said Plymouth coach Jon Mikosz. "He stayed back in the pack — in fact, he wasn't even in the lead pack the first mile - but he came on strong down the stretch. I think the weather conditions suited him well. The poor conditions separate the people who really like running from everyone else.

Engholm's effort led the 'Cats to a fourth-place finish in the prestigious meet, which draws elite teams from throughout the region as well as Canada, Ohio

calling the following:

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and Indiana. Lake Orion won with 45 points, followed by Novi Catholic Central (81), Sylvania (Ohio) Northview (106) and

Plymouth (120). Also scoring for Plymouth were Derek Lax (10th in 18:05), Warren Buzzard (29th in 18:50), Matt Neumann (30th in 18:51) and Derek Gielarowski (50th in 19:30).

"I was impressed by Derek Lax's performance, too," said Mikosz. "He really stepped it up."

#### Chiefs 2nd

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the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator

(734) 394-5260

Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188

Canton's boys cross country team was short-handed but long on effort at Saturday's rainy Ludington Invitational.

Running without two of their top athletes, the Chiefs placed second to Grand Haven in the seven-team Division 1 field, finishing with 55 points. Grand Haven scored 36 while thirdplace Whitehall registered 79.

'Considering we were missing a couple of our top guys, the weather was terrible and the course was probably the toughest we'll run on all year, I thought the guys ran very well," said Canton

coach Bill Boyd. "We counted 10 hills on the last mile alone."

Kyle Clinton paced the Chiefs with a second-place effort in 17:32, five seconds behind overall winner Joe Duff of Grand Haven. Also scoring for the Chiefs were Mitch Clinton (seventh in 18:11), Greg Reed (ninth in 18:17), Steve Watts (16th in 18:49) and Jon Peck (21st in 19:06).

#### BOYS DUAL MEET RESULTS CANTON 20, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 35 Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Park

Individual winner: Kyle Clinton (Canton), 17 minutes, 12 seconds (5,000 meters). Other Canton finishers: 2. Zach Spreitzer :27; 4. Greg Reed, 17:42; 6. Paul Rakovitis, 17:44 Mitch Clinton, 17:48; 12. Steve Watts, 18:20; 14. Miles Felton, 18:43. Churchill finishers: 3. Nathan Wise, 17:34; 5. Mark Waterbury, 17:44; 8. Matt Szado, 17:58; 9. Tom Windle, 18:09; 10. Steve Zoski, 18:10; 11. Mark Freybereg, 18;14;13. Ouinn Osgood, 18:33. Dual meet records: Canton, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Churchill, 1-1 KLAA-South Division. PLYMOUTH 19, FRANKLIN 36

Sept. 16 at Cass Benton Individual winner: Derek Lax (Plymouth), 17 minutes, 18 seconds (5 000). Other Plymouth finishers: 2. Elmar Engholm, 17:20; 3. Warren Buzzard, 17:35; 4. Matt Neumann 17:39; 9. Joe Porcari, 18:13; 11. Jimmy Eiben, 18:35; Franklin: 5, Paul Hanni, 17:50; 6, Austin Jones, 17:52; 7, Nick Gherardini, 17:50; 6, Austin Jones, 17:52; 7, Nick Gherardini, 17:59; 8, Dylan Taylor, 18:13; 10, Bobby Wilson, 18:33. Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-0 KLAA-South Division; Franklin, 0-2 KLAA-South Division.

we'll be missing our two top scor-

ers (Terry and Jenks), our best defenseman (Jordan) and Jeremy Smith for a little while, it will be an opportunity for some of the young guys to show us what they can do."

Among the youngsters Stefan is eager to watch excel are goalie Matt Hackett, the 6-foot-2, 170-pound net-minder who will attempt to fill the huge skates of Smith while he's displaying his skills at the Nashville Predators training camp; defenseman Beau Schmitz, the team's first-round pick in the 2007 OHL Draft; Tyler Seguin, a 16-year-old center; and forward Vern Cooper, who had a break-out preseason for the Whalers.

"I'm very confident in Matt's abilities," said Stefan. "He's really come a long way. Beau is a very explosive, physical player who will play an important role for us this year and Tyler is one of the top skills guys from this past draft."

If the Whalers are to contend for their second OHL title in three years (they won the crown in 2007), they'll need to cash in on sweat equity, Stefan emphasized. "I want us to be the hardest-

working team in the league," Stefan said. "If we accomplish

#### CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction September 23, 2008 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage

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1990	Nissan	Sentra	2-Dr	JN1GB22B5LU531388
2002	Ford	Taurus	4-Dr	1FAFP53U22A234533
1998	Toyota	Sienna	S/W	4T3ZF13C3WU003741
1993	Eagle	$\mathbf{Summit}$	4-Dr	JE3CB50G8PU052524
1998	Ford	Contour	4 - Dr	1FAFP6539WK213575
2003	Ford	Explorer	S/W	1FMZU84W63UA28919
1995	Chevy	Lumina	4-Dr	2G1WL52M9S1144208
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that, I think we'll have success. "I'd like to say we will contend this year. I really believe in this group of guys. I like their character.'

The biggest hurdles for the Whalers to overcome in the Western Conference are Windsor and London, who have earned lofty preseason raves from ranking services.

"From what everybody is saying, those are the two teams to beat," Stefan acknowledged.

"Windsor is ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Hockey League and London is No. 3, so as far as the West goes, those are the teams to beat.

Stefan said having close to a half-season of coaching under his belt will give him an advantage over the situation he walked into last December when he took over the team near the midseason point.

"To be honest, it was kind of

difficult coming in last December and getting a feel for the guys," said Stefan. "The experience of having coached last year will not only be important for me, but for the players as well. Now they know where I'm coming from and they know what to expect."

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The Whalers will be captained by Terry, a 5-foot-10, 190-pound high-energy center who last year became just the 14th player in franchise history to register a 100-point season (44 goals, 57 assists).

"Chris is a great goal scorer and point producer who we depended on a lot last year," said Stefan. "There will be a lot of added responsibilities for him this year, wearing the 'C', but he is very gung-ho about it. He'll be expected to oversee the younger guys more than he has in the past and I think he'll do a great job."

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
6043 – Cindy Dietrich – 15 Boxes, 5 Totes, Misc Items
4241 – Dorothy White – 10 Bags, 5 Totes, 4 Boxes
4267 – Alina LaFleche – China Cabinet, 3 Chairs, Portable Stereo
5029 – Cleopatra Peck – 2 Kids Bikes, Refrigerator, Mattress
4068 – William Grady – Aquarium, Mattress, Misc Items
6022 – Mark Hughes – Wardrobe, 7 Totes, Trunk
4203 – Sheryl Thomas-Williams – 3 Totes, Fan, Drums
6010 – Derek Tucker – TV, 3 Kids Bikes, Curio Cabinet
5276 – Trevena Glenn – 12 Boxes, Microwave, 3 Bags
6027 – Robert Dziuban – Sofa, 20 Boxes, 2 TVs
2016 – Matt Bagnell – Dishwasher, Minifridge, 30 Boxes
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#### SEPTEMBER Special needs class

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia is looking for special needs teens and young adults (up to age 25) interested in participating in a course designed to help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith. The day and time of the course will depend on those interested. To get the most out of the course, students should possess basic communications skills (listening and speaking). If interested contact Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822 or e-mail at elc-ed@arounddetroit.biz. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is at 34567 Seven Mile.

#### **Bible study**

St. Michael the Archangel Church, located at the southwest corner of Plymouth and Hubbard Roads, continues its regular evening Bible Study program with an in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month beginning Thursday, Sept. 18, in the rectory, The informal classes are open to all interested persons regard-

#### less of religious affiliation. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200. **Evenings of Evangelization**

Resume with Rev. Alex Kratz 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 19, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The evening begins with a Holy Hour followed by small-group discussions, teaching and fellowship. The series continues Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 12. All interested Catholics welcome. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200. Bring or buy study text "Go and Make Disciples" (U.S. Bishops) at September meeting. **Crafters wanted** 

#### Sept. 19 is deadline to apply for first annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking at First United Methodist Church, Northville. The event takes place 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at corner of 8 Mile and Taft. For details, call Karen at 248-349-1144, Ext. 18.

#### Earth friendly craft fair

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, featuring hand made art and crafts from local Michigan artists. at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, south of 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, For information, contact Barbara Danielsen at (248) 318-8044 or bdanielsen@comcast.net. Forms and info available for download at www.uufarmington.org. Call for artists and crafters: Spaces

#### **RELIGION CALENDAR**

inside and outside still available. **Co-creating with God conference** Sacred Heart Major Seminary will sponsor a conference to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae Vitae. and explore its important themes Saturday, Sept. 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd, Detroit. Cost \$75 with lunch and dinner, or \$50 without meals. Prices discounted for half-day attendance. Walk-in registration at a higher cost. Call (313) 883-8792, e-mail HumanaeVitae@shms.edu, or visit www.shms.edu for registration packet

#### Bethany Suburban West

Monthly breakfast meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479. Bethany is a Catholic organization under the auspices of the Archdiocese of the Detroit and provides spiritual, social and educational assistance through peerto-peer ministry to the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths. New worship schedule

Worship 8 a.m. Sunday, Faith Forum & Other Options at 9 a.m., and Worship and Sunday school at 10 a.m. Wednesday Worship at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six



FLOYD C. HOWARTH Age 83, died on Sept. 14, 2008. Services held at PHILLIPS FUNER-AL HOME. Memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church or American Heart.



JEFFREY PAUL BEITZEL September 13, 2008. Age 54. He was a resident of Northville, Michigan and Newport Coast, California. Loving father of Jennifer, Jill, Elizabeth and Jake. Mr. Beitzel was preceded in death by his father, Paul, and is survived by his mother Eileen Beitzel, sisters Judy Fike (Bobby) and Janice Grigg (John), nephews John and Kodi, nieces Lanette and Kali. He is fondly remembered by his companion Ms. Gretchen Rossi, close friends and extended family who brought him so much joy and happiness. A graduate of Leigh University, Mr. Beitzel began his career at Ford Motor Company and went on to establish a number of successful automotive enterprises. He was Chief Operating Officer of Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Inc. of Irvine California at the time of his passing. In lieu of flowers, you may make donations to City of Hope Hospital, Duarte, California. A viewing will be held on Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan between the hours of 4pm-9pm. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, September 20, 2008 at Emmanual Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, in state 10am until time of Service at 11am. Interment will be held at a later date.

### JUNE D. MURPHY

Age 87, Farmington, MI, passed away Sept. 12, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

Age 92, of Spring Lake (formerly of Birmingham, MI). Died Saturday, September 13, 2008 at a local care facility. She was born in Alma, MI on December 4, 1915 to Raymond J. and Anna (McIntosh) McLaughlin and lived in the Troy and Birmingham, MI area until eight years ago when she moved to Spring Lake. Maxine mar-ried Herdis G. "Doc" English who preceded her in death in 1958. Maxine was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Birmingham, MI as well as a member of the Republican Women's Club. She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling. The surviving family members include her daughter, Priscilla English of Beverly Hills, CA; a son Dan (Ann) English of Grand Haven and two grandchildren, Katie and J.D. English. Maxine was preceded in death by her sister. Virginia Swift. A graveside service will be held at the White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery in Troy, MI on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. A memorial service honoring Maxine's life will be held at a later date: Memorial contributions in Maxine's name may be made to the First Church of Christ Scientist of Birmingham, MI. Share memories with the family at their online website at:



#### **RITA JEAN McCLUMPHA**

Age 75, of Canton, and retired eleschool teacher in the mentary Plymouth-Canton Schools. Passed away September 15, 2008. Beloved wife for over 54 years of the late Clifford McClumpha. Devoted mother of C. Hurd McClumpha, Dynese McClumpha, Amy L. (Michael) Glenn and Natalie (Craig) Finley. Proud grandmother of Clifford, Emily and Jenny McClumpha, Abigail, Gabriel and Elizabeth Glenn, Emilia, Julia, Andrew, Alec, Sarah, Isaac and Erinn Finley. Dear daughter of Rhue Datcher and the late Homer Datcher. Sister of the late Merlin Datcher. Mrs. McClumpha graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950, where she and Clifford were sweethearts. She received her B.A. from Western Michigan University, and went on to teach elementary school until her retirement in 1995. She taught at Geer School for many years. She was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She was an avid gardener who also enjoyed golf and bridge. She will be deeply missed by all. Friends may visit at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Thursday 4-8pm. A memorial service will be held Friday 11am at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 5401, Plymouth MI 48170, or St. John's Episcopal Church. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com

Mile, Livonia. Visitors welcome. For information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org.

#### Anniversary celebration On Sunday, Sept. 21, members of Salem National Evangelist Lutheran Church honor Rev. Carl DeMeritt, Jr. and his wife Beth in a 10 a.m. worship service of gratitude and praise, at the church, 32430 Ann Arbor Trail. Westland. A reception follows the wor-

ship service honoring DeMeritt's 25 years in the ministry. Parish picnic St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia holds its Annual Parish Picnic noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Rotary Park in Livonia. Day includes food being served from noon to 5 p.m., moonwalks, face painting, games, DJ, and more at super-affordable family pricing. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext 200, for advance tickets as there will be no ticket sales at the door. All food, beverages, and paper goods are once again being provided courtesy of Larry Lokuta of Larry's Foodland on Plymouth Rd.

#### **Piano rededication concert** With guest planists Gary and Jennifer Rownd 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, in the Sanctuary at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. No charge. Call (248) 374-7400 for information. **Celebration of Israel**

This year, Israel marks a significant milestone that provides a greatopportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of the Jewish State. In honor of the occasion, The Russian Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom (Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross) will host a celebration 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Adat Shalom, Farmington Hills. The evening includes Russian-Jewish delicacies, entertainment by Ben Opengeim, door prizes and auction. Tickets, \$90, benefit ARMDI. Friends and families of all faiths and backgrounds welcome, Space is limited. For details, visit www.lifetosave.org. ENDOW

#### St. Michael the Archangel Parish is hosting two different courses of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study aroup focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women", the Course I groups meet 9:30-11 a.m. Mondays, and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Course V, called "Aquinas for Beginners", is a new addition to the ENDOW curriculum and available locally only at St. Michael's 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, All meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, or online at www. endowonline.com. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth

requested to support the seminary. Open to the public. Several audio and video recordings will be available. Call (734) 522-3166 or visit www. seminaryconcerttour.com.

#### Mom-to-Mom sale

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149

#### Safety/health fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, physical fitness competitions for kids, bicycle safety, health screenings for adults, parent information on child safety and health, free car seat inspections by Canton police officers, child safety identification, at All Saints Catholic School parking lot and gym, 48735 Warren, between Beck and Ridge, Canton. Call (734) 459-2490.

#### **Revival services**

Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday-Wednesday services 7 p.m. each evening, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer Redford Revival preacher is from Alabama. Everyone welcome. Call (313) 537-7480.

#### Marian rally

Join the Felician Sisters of Livenia on Sunday, Sept. 28, as they honor the Blessed Virgin Mary at the annual Marian Rally beginning at noon with the Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass), in the Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft, Livonia, followed by praying of the rosary alternating decades in English and Spanish at the shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa at 1:30 p.m., and a procession to the Fatima Shrine and Crowning of Our Lady, by students from St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, Ind. Refreshments available after the liturgy. Wheelchair participants welcome. Parking available at Montessori Center of Our Lady at Newburgh entrance. Call (734) 591-1730.

#### Bethany hay ride

Bethany Suburban West and Bethany South in South Rockwood will host a hay ride that includes hot dogs with all the fixings, beverages and a DJ Saturday, Sept. 27. Indoor facility for dining and dancing. Tickets, \$20. Call (734) 513-9479 or (313) 389-4730.

#### **Spirit of Manresa**

Dinner and auction begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass Sáturday, Sept. 27, at The Marriott at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac. Cost \$150-\$250, includes dinner, silent and live auctions, dancing, Call (248) 644-4933, Ext. 34, or visit www.manresa-sj.org. Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is a place of quiet, peace and prayer that seeks to help people grow in their spiritual life.

#### Parenting class

Parenting Families DVD-based classes help address issues in a positive way that will enhance your family life, 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29 to

Sunday, Oct. 12, registration at 1:30 p.m. with walk beginning at 2 p.m. from St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. For information, contact Bill Brave at (734) 414-9867 or wbrave@yahoo.com.

#### Mom-to-mom sale

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile. Tables available, 6 ft. long \$18 each, 5 ft. round \$15 each, standard racks \$3 each. Admission \$1. Strollers welcome. Contact ncamom2momsale@gmail.com.

#### **Tiny Tots Preschool**

Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3- and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

#### **Crafters** wanted

The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. In the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

#### Fall craft show

Applications are now being accepted for the Fail Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25. at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

#### Music at St. John's

Continues with Halloween Pipes Spooktacular with performance by Scott Elsholz, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 (dinner at 5:30 p.m.); A Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, with the parish's music groups; Collegium Musicum performs cantatas and instrumental works 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, and The Saline Fiddlers 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. All concerts are free except The Saline Fiddlers (\$7 and available in advance or at door). Call (734) 453-0190.

#### **Grief workshop**

Presented by Karen Jinnett from New Hope Center for Grief Support beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, for eight consecutive weeks at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. No charge. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

#### Global gifts

Opens daily beginning Nov. 1, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. The Fair Trade resource offers foods such as rice, chocolates, coffee, and soup mixes that promote economic justice around the globe. Also offering textiles, jewelry and handmade artisan crafts from around the world. For an appointment before Nov. 1, call (248) 644-0550 or visit the shop after worship on Sundays. The church is at 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward Avenue.

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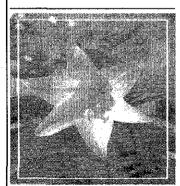
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#### **MAXINE ENGLISH**





#### PATRICIA ANN NEWTON

Age 68, of St. Petersburg, died August 28, 2008. She was born in Wayne, Michigan and was of the Lutheran faith. She is survived by husband Donald R. Newton, daughters Linda Douglas, Vicky Payne and Cheri Touchet (Charles), eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Donations to Hospice. Services Saturday, September 20 from 12 until 4 at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street, South Lyon, MI 48178.

#### WILLIAM JOSEPH SEOG

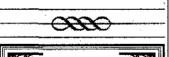
Passed away on September 11, 2008 at the age of 28. He was born in Livonia, Michigan on March 29, 1980 to Bill and Wanda Seog of Ann Arbor. He is survived by his parents, his son Theodore Hoadley Seog, his sister Wendy (Todd) Carbary of Whitmore Lake, and his grandparent Dorothy Seog of Livonia. He is also survived by many aunts, uncles and very special friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 19, 2008 from 3-9p.m. at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake Street (10 Mile), South Lyon. Funeral Service will be on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at noon at the funeral home with a final visitation starting at 11:00 a.m.

www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



#### PAUL DONALD NORA

September 15, 1958. Died September 11, 2008. Of Kalkaska MI, since 2006. Previous residences: Detroit, MI; IN; Big Rapids, MI; Harlan. Minneapolis, MN. Son of Donald Nora and deceased mother, Germaine Nora. Brother of Barbara Sorenson of East Jordan, MI, Donna Elmore (Michael) of Panama City, FL, Patricia Abbasabadi (Alireza) of Big Rapids, MI. Uncle of Rebecca Jorgensen (Lorin) of Panama City, FL, Karen Elmore of Pensacola, FL. Great-uncle of Alexis Jorgensen. Also many friends that Paul considered to be family. Memberships: Lifetime member of NRA and NAHC. President of the CLBC. Dr. Paul Nora died on September 11, 2008 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City after a 2 1/2 yr battle fighting Multiple Myeloma and its resulting complications. Paul was born and raised in the Detroit area. He graduated from Redford Union High School in 1976, Hope College with his undergraduate degrees in Biology and Chemistry in 1980, and Wayne State University with his MD in 1984. He was a kind and caring Family Practitioner in Harlan, IN and Big Rapids, MI. He later returned to Detroit and completed his Forensic Pathology Residency and Fellowship in 2003. Paul worked in Minneapolis and the Detroit area as a Forensic Pathologist until his illness in 2006, Paul was an avid Detroit sports fan and enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, including hunting, hiking, golfing and fishing. He also enjoyed high performance Mustangs, reading, playing pool and cards, and being with family and friends. Donations may be made in Paul's memory to the American Cancer Society or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. He will be missed by all who knew him. "All in, in Kalkaska."



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#### Road, Livonia. Explore the rosarv

Explore the history and continued relevance of the venerable devotion to Mary 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, with presenter David Conrad, in the Activity Center Hall at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, Free, Call (734) 425-5950.

#### Organ récital

Robert Bates, associate professor of organ at University of Houston, performs 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, north of Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$10 per person at the door or call (313) 875-7407. **Reception follows. Free supervised** parking adjacent to church.

#### Choral rehearsals

Oakland Choral Society has begun Tuesday evening rehearsals for its Christmas concerts with professional soloists and orchestra. On Dec. 6 the group performs Benjamin Britten's "St. Nicolas," and J.S. Bach's "Cantata Wachet auf," and on Dec. 14 Handel's "Messiah." Registration begins at 7:00 p.m., with rehearsal 7:30-9 p.m., at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. All singers who can read music are welcome. Membership dues \$55 for fall season (\$30 for students age 30 and under). Music cost additional. For information, call (248) 391-0184.

#### Interfaith courage

Three-day lecture series by Daniel Buttry, a global consultant for peace and justice, 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits and Bates. For information, call (248) 644-0550. **Topics include Freedom of Religion:** Religious Hate vs. Religious Respect; Interfaith Community Building: Healing Our Communities Together, and Interfaith Courage: It's Our Time Now. No charge. Open to the public. Sacred music concert

"Let the Heavens Rejoice: Sacred Hymns of the Carpathian Mountains." The seminary choir of the Blessed Theofdore Romzha Theological Academy of Uzhorod, Ukraine sing selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Church Slavonic 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, 29125 Six Mile, Livonia. No charge, but free will offering

Nov. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830, or register at www.christoursavior.org under Adult Fall Classes.

#### UPCOMING

#### Mass confusion

Series on the celebration of the Mass 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road., north of Six Mile, Livonia. Presenter David Conrad, No charge, Please RSVP by calling (734) 425-5950.

#### Rummage sale fund-raiser

Pre-sale 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2 (admission \$2 per adult); Big Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 4, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads., Livonia. Admission free. Saturday everything half price. CROP walk

Sunday, Oct. 5, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Livonia. For information, call John Hirtzel at (248) 477-5181.

#### A night of wine & roses

Wine tasting event Friday, Oct. 10, with tasting from 7-9 p.m. with dessert and afterglow until 10:30 p.m., in the lower level of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School and adjacent grounds of the church in Plymouth. Tickets \$50, ticket holders must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchase in advance. To order, visit www.olgcwineevent.org or call (734) 737-0755

#### Fall craft show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, with over 70 crafters, at St. Theodore of Canterbury, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, No charge, Also bake sale, big raffle and food and beverages. Call (734) 425-4421. ICEA conference For Sunday School and Church Ministries, held by International Christian Education Association 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville, Speakers Dr. Bruce Fong, Rev. Billy Walker, 30 workshops on timely topics. Second time around Christian books. Registration required only for workshops. Nondenominational. Call (248) 557-5536 or visit www.iceaonline.org. Plymouth/Canton CROP walk

#### ONGOING

Time change Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia, returns to fall, winter and spring schedule beginning Sunday, Sept. 14. Services will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. for all ages. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

#### Wednesday activities

Have resumed at 7 p.m. at Grace Christian Fellowship, on the west side of Middlebelt, one block south of Six Mile. The special four week study focuses on the Hebraic Roots of Our Christian Faith, taught by Yvonne Moore, For information, visit www. gcfellowship.org or call (734) 525-6019.

#### Thursday fellowship dinner

All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Prespyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$8. Call (313) 534-7730.

#### Eucharistic adoration

St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month.

The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. Call (734) 261-1455.

#### Worship schedule

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (9:45 a.m. .Sunday School), at Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m.<sup>6</sup> Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.

#### Sunday worship

The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to-Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive. The Web site is www. hischurch.us.

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#### **BELIEFS & VALUES**

# Youth appointed to represent peers on church council

#### BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Ryan Hall talks about his appointment to the council at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia like it's no big deal. His dad sees it differently.

John Hall believes the 15year-old Churchill High School sophomore is leading the charge to attract youth to the aging congregation.

Ryan is too busy trying to balance his duties at church with junior varsity football practice, classes, and a parttime job at a Coney Island to think about the contribution he is making. As the youngest member of the council by about 30 years, he just wants to include his peers in the operations of the church.

"I wanted to give a voice for the youth and make sure they have a say in everything," said Hall, who belongs to the UPLIFT LYTE Ministry, a joint Lutheran youth group for Holy Cross, Emmanuel, and Holy Trinity churches in Livonia.

Hall recently attended a summer leadership program for high school students presented by Living Waters Ministries at Camp Michi-Lu-Ca to learn how to reach out to other youth. The Lower Michigan Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church



Ryan Hall (center) attended a leadership training camp this summer with Holy Cross and Emmanuel Lutheran Youth Director Rebecca Couser and church member Matt Erickson.

in America provide a variety of camps, retreats and conferences at the site near Fairview. Students not only grow in their faith during the weeklong program but train in Peer Ministry. Hall says young people are exposed to many bad influences today including drugs. He tries to look out for his sister McKenna, 13, but would like to be there for other youth as well.

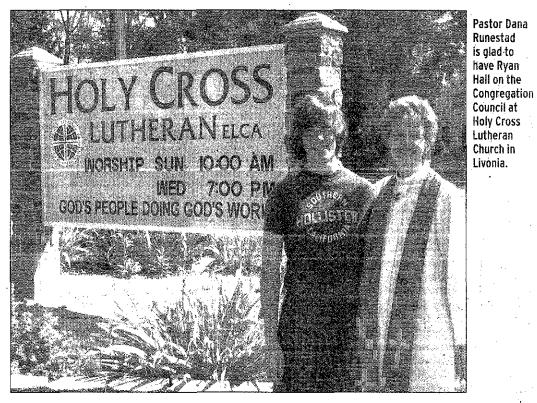
"It can kind of suck you in if you let it," said Hall. "I encourage other kids not to be pulled into that lifestyle."

Hall is too busy with school and church to have time to get into trouble. When he's not in class or at football practice he's participating in church activities. In 2007 he attended a Confirmation Camp where

students explore faith issues in a Christian community. Faith probably plays the biggest role in his life, he said.

"We were learning about why we get confirmed. I have a strong belief in God every time I come back from there. I'm a better person," said Hall. "Last time I learned to pick out the good in people. I try not to judge people now and accept them for who they are and try not to be mean because if I don't know them I shouldn't be mean to them."

John and Janet Hall raised Ryan to live by Christian values. John's parents were founding members of Holy Cross back in the 1960s. John is especially proud of Ryan being elected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Lutheran Youth Organization, which is organizing events

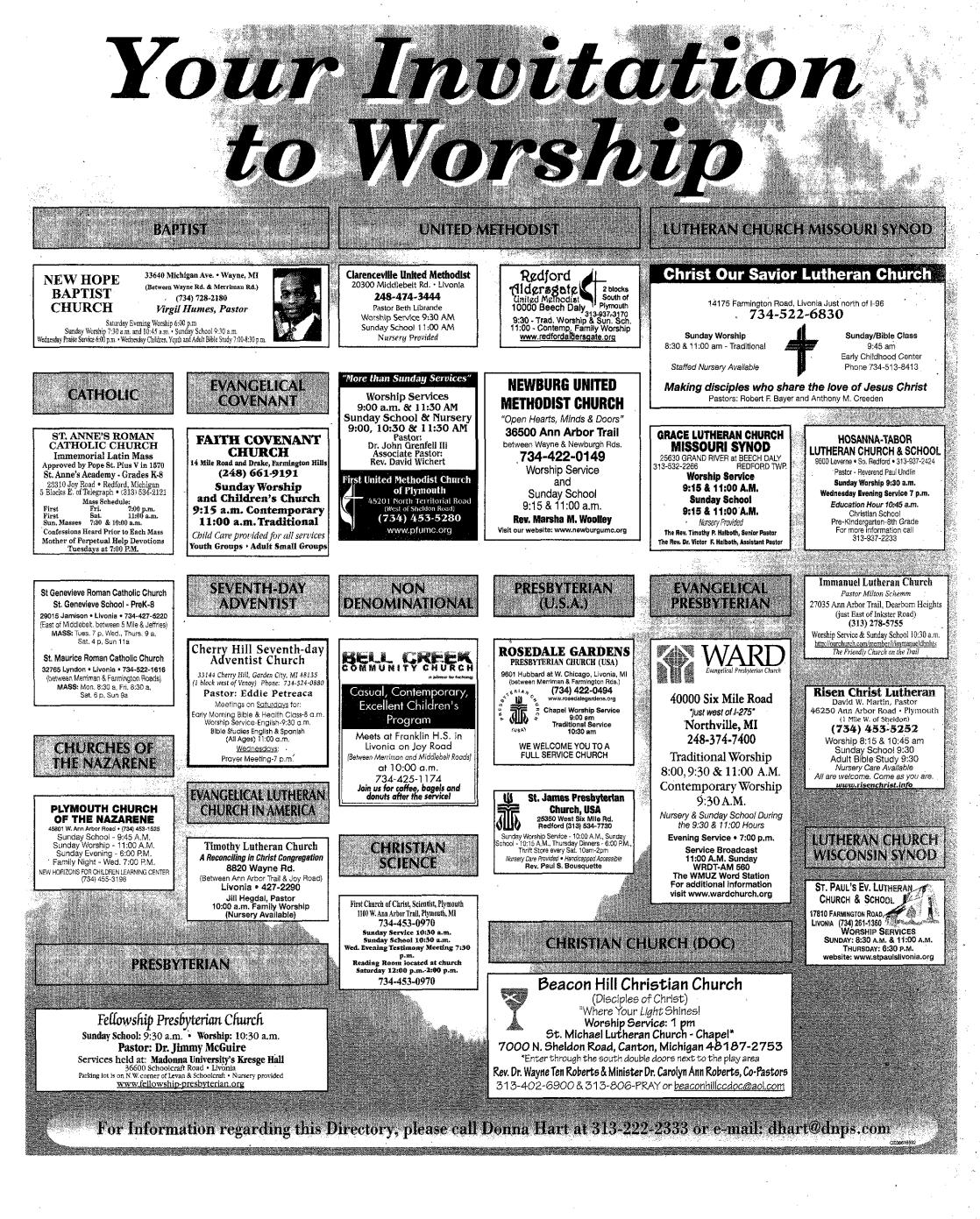
including a 30-hour famine. "He's a very special person. We're very proud of what he's accomplished at his young age," said John Hall. "Religion's

age, said John Han. Rengions always been important, It kind of centers you, It makes you understand what's important in life. Having faith in Göd is like having a lighthouse when you need strength. As a society we've gotten way too far away from religion."

Pastor Dana Runestad is glad Ryan chooses to be involved with the church. She appreciates his spirit and positive attitude.

"He is so endearing and friendly. He does a lot of oneon-one work with young people and adults, but he's also not afraid to speak up in large public meetings of say 150 people and he's very articulate," said Runestad of Plymouth. "He's given us hope, helped give us confidence that we're doing something right if we can make a difference in his life, if God can become real to him. Young people are not the future of the church, they are the church. They are as much a part of the church as any other member. It's important to have youth participate in leadership."

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# Chief netters edge 'Cats in a nail-biter

#### BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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The tension couldn't have been thicker during the waning moments of Friday's Canton-Plymouth boys tennis match, which made the clutch performance of the Chiefs' No. 5 doubles team of Varun Bahandri and Steve Lee that much more impressive.

With the overall match tied at 4-all, Bahandri and Lee defeated the Wildcats' tandem of Don Henry and Grant Senkbiel in a three-set thriller - 6-0, 6-7, 7-6 - to give Canton a dramatic 5-4 victory.

The Chiefs improved to 3-0 with the triumph and sit atop the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's South Division.

"They were very poised and kept it together very well," said Canton coach Barb Lehman, referring to Bahandri and Lee. "They played a great match."



Canton's No. 1 singles player Michael Darouie displayed strong ground strokes during his match against Plymouth Friday.

The five doubles teams format is new to Canton and Plymouth, which played with only four doubles teams as members of the Western Lakes Activities Association. CANTON 5 PLYMOUTH 4 Friday at PCEP Tennis Courts No. 1 singles: Mike Darouie (C) defeated Pat Onoro, 6-3, 6-0; No. 2: Aaron Zhang (P) def. Justin Liedel, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Ryan Hanz (C) def. Matt Dwan, 6-2,



6-2; No. 4: Riley Hoernschmeyer (C) def. Andy Mitchell, 6-4, 6-2.

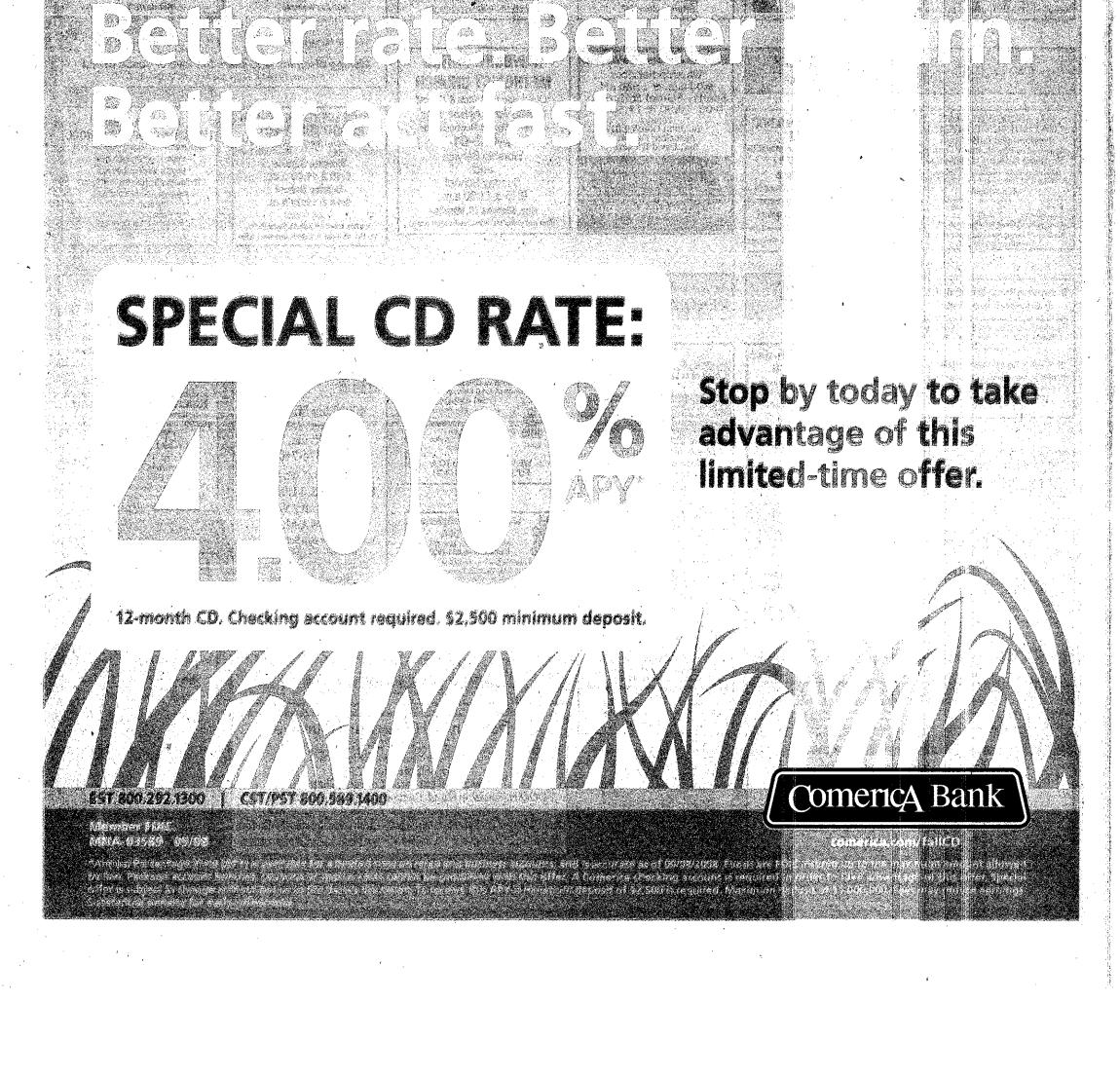
No. 1 doubles: David Kang-Jeremy Lindibauer (C) def. Max Korpalski-Pat Bailey, 6-4, 6-4; No. 2: Alex Berk-Wen Ning (P) def. Adam Payne-David Ding, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; No. 3: Tom Eggleston-John Lopus (P) def. Abhi Katti-Santosh Shanmuğa, 6-4, 6-4; **No. 4:** Jimmy LaFontaine-John Mosley (C) def. Drew Leist-Jimmy Larontaine John Mosley (c) der, Drew Leist-Hank Eckardt, 7-6, 6-7; No. 5: Varun Bahandri-Steve Lee (C) def. Don Henry-Grant Senkbiel, 6-0, 6-7, 7-6. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 3-0. PLYMOUTH 7 LIVONIA CHURCHILL 2 Sept. 15 at Plymouth No. 1 Leingles: Aksbair Moorthew (1C) defeated

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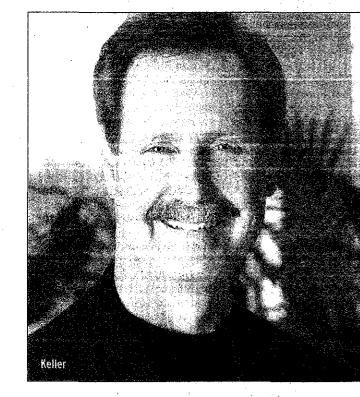


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**BY ARLENE FUNKE** CORRESPONDENT

nticipation grew as the slender man dressed in black stepped onto the podium in an auditorium at Laurel Manor ín Livonia last . Wednesday.

The crowd of almost 1,500 people rose to give a standing ovation to Gary Keller, chairman of the Board of Keller Williams Realty International. Keller was in town Sept. 10 to promote his new book and inspire real estate agents beset by a stagnant economy, mortgage woes and bulging inventories of unsold houses.

The book is called SHIFT, subtitled How Top Real Estate Agents Tackle Tough Times. Written by Keller with Dave Jenks and Jay Papasan, it gives strategies for today's tough market. The book is published by McGraw Hill and priced at \$21.95.

"The real estate market has been so challenging," said Louis Ronayne, a Keller Williams regional director based in Northville, in an interview before the event.

Ronayne described Keller as a "rock star" in the real estate industry, but "low-key and very effective.'

Keller Williams, based in Austin, Texas, is a large and fast-growing real estate franchise system. The seminar was organized on three weeks' notice, according to Ronayne. The audience was composed mostly of real estate agents and affiliates who came by car and chartered buses from cities in Michigan and Ohio.

Gary Keller, 51, entered real estate in the 1970s and co-founded Keller Williams with Joe Williams in 1983. He now spends much of his time writing, speaking, training and consulting. The Livonia seminar was the third stop on a multi-city tour.

"You are in a tough spot," Keller told the audience. "You have to address the situation you are in. The current situation is not going to go away quietly or quickly. Tough times. present opportunity."

Keller notes that the real estate business is cyclical, and success demands adapting to change. With adversity also comes opportunity, which he calls "the gift in the shift."

In easy-to-read text, SHIFT outlines survival tactics, which include attitude adjustment, managing expenses, selling strategies, staging homes to make them more attractive to buyers and using the Internet to build business.

Karol O'Connor, a real estate agent for five years, increasingly looks to the Internet for marketing and leads. She credits her mentor, Plymouth-based Nancy Austin, with encouraging her. Both Austin and O'Connor recently became affiliated with Keller Williams.

Steve Leibhan a team leader in the Farmington Hills branch of Keller Williams, was a Livonia teacher prior to entering real estate 24 years ago. He's seen ups and downs in the market. "Agents need to reinvent them-

selves, instead of wishing things were different," he said in an interview. "I just think agents have to be more proactive.

Properties lauded for their community impact

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Three Detroit real estate developments have won 2008 Impact Awards from the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit): the Detroit East Riverfront, the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) master plan expansion and renovation and Whitdel Apartments, a historic southwest Detroit apartment renovated into affordable housing aimed partly at aspiring artists. The awards recognize three commercial property developments that positively impacted southeast Michigan: one new construction project (Detroit East Riverfront), one redevelopment (DIA) and one "special impact" project that is smaller or unique (Whitdel). The awards will be presented at a

Sept. 18 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be

and its use of recycled materials in the pavilions. Judges also commented on the mulenhanced entrances, improved interior circulation paths, upgrades to the building systems and upgrades to the

# Portland a vibrant city with culture

Q: I am wondering about the benefits of investing in downtown Portland, particularly in the district where there are a number of art galleries and other cultural studios. Do you have any information?

A: Downtown Portland is alive and well. The mass transit system which continues



accessible to businesses **Robert Meisner** 

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customers. The art district that you have in mind is presumably the Pearl District, which contains a number of high end galleries and community offices. The real estate in Portland and the downtown area continues to increase, and that coupled with the temperate climate makes it a place for serious consideration, either for a business or residential financial commitment.

Q: I have the opportunity to buy some desolate property. near a railroad in a small town adjacent to Glacier Park. There are a number of issues that have come up with respect to the Indians' ownership of the land. What

A: Obviously, get a good

should I do?

on display.

The Detroit East Riverfront, 3½ miles of public Detroit River waterfront linked by a continuous RiverWalk, parks, plazas and green spaces, won the new construction award. The Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the project's owner, developer, property manager, submitted the entry. Impact Awards judges noted its enormous positive social impact on the city and potential future financial impact when complete. They praised its design as "comfortable for two people walking or for half a million stretched along it for the fireworks,"

tiple, major obstacles the project had to overcome, including dealing with 'multiple property owners, brownfield issues and removal of cement silos. The East Riverfront project team included these companies with a CREW Detroit member: the Detroit RiverFront Conservancy of Detroit, the project's owner, developer, property manager, which submitted the entry; LaMont Title of Detroit, which provided title insurance, and JJR of Ann Arbor, the architect, designer and engineer

The DIA expansion and renovation, the redevelopment winner, included a 30,000-square-foot expansion,

exterior wall construction to maintain the critical gallery environmental conditions. Impact judges commended this successful completion of a highly complicated multi-phase project, which includes a great deal of unseen work and technology, such as the sophisticated new environmental control equipment. They also cited its tremendous social impact, with the new design creating more convenient access to the world-class art collection for native Detroiters and visitors. CREW Detroit member company SmithGroup

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lawyer who understands the Indians' rights to the land. There are a number of lots and/or property adjacent to Glacier Park which are owned by the Black Feet Indians, but only a certain portion of it can be sold. You obviously don't want to be caught buying the "Glacier Bridge" and find that you have no legal right to it. On the other hand, being close to the railroad, with the gas prices being what they are, it will only enhance your potential ability to develop that property for commercial purposes.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates. com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of May 26-30, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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speaker is David Littmann of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Market Update speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners, spon-

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of record, design architect, engineering, submitted the entry. The Whitdel Apartments, a

\$5.75-million renovation of a 31,000-square-foot historic southwest Detroit apartment building into 32 affordable housing units for aspiring artists and others, won the special impact award. The property also includes gallery space, studios and room for art workshops for artists and neighborhood children and adults, and a community garden. The entry was submitted by Southwest Housing Solutions of Detroit, the nonprofit housing organization that is the Whitdel's owner, developer, architect/designer and property manage.

"It's projects like this that will rebuild the city," said one of the Impact Awards judges. They

praised its beneficial impact on the neighborhood economically, socially and visually, calling it a tremendous boost to the neighborhood. CREW Detroit companies involved with the project include Lamont Title of Detroit and Plante & Moran LLC of Auburn Hills and Southfield.

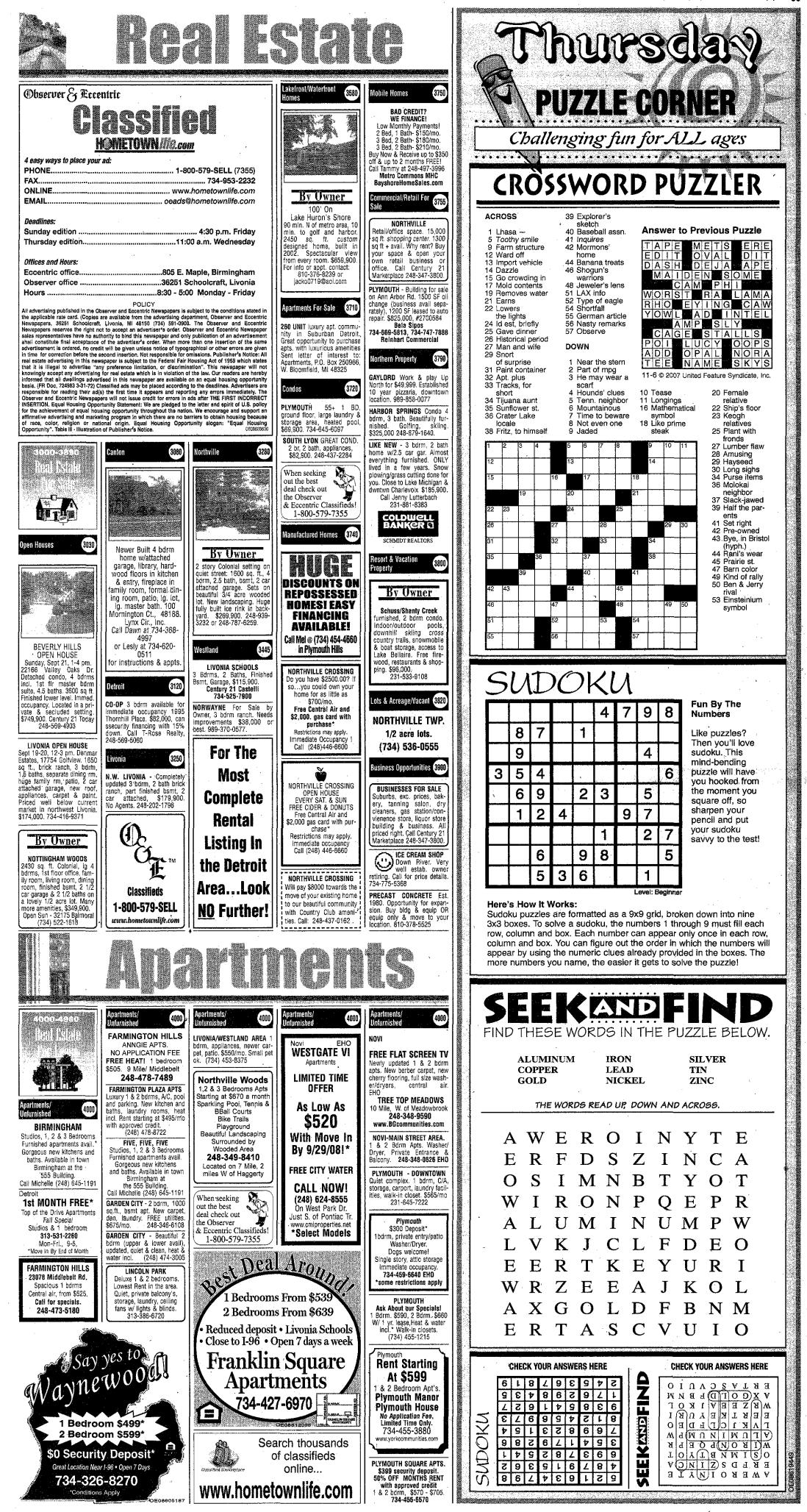
The seventh annual competition was open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008. Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology, says Purcell. Each project must have involved at least one firm with a CREW member.

The Warren Civic Center in Warren and the Kresge Foundation Headquarters in Troy won in 2007 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively. Herman Miller/WorkSquared

is the event's platinum sponsor. Comerica Bank, Compuware, Kimball Office and Plante & Moran PLLC are the event's gold sponsors. CREW Detroit, founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. It is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs; CREW Careers, a one-day interactive program to introduce Detroit high school girls to commercial real estate career opportunities in April; an annual golf outing in June and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and First Step Project Against Domestic Violence in Plymouth.







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#### By Dale Buss

Over the last 20 years, there's been so much design and engineering convergence in the U.S. automotive market that finding a truly unique vehicle has become a rarity. From antilock brakes to navigation systems, from 20-inch tires to double-row sunroofs, innovations are so quickly mimicked and then spread across the industry that there's barely time to credit the innovator before they become standard stuff.

Clubman. An all-new model based on the regular Mini Cooper offered by BMW AG of Germany, the Clubman is truly an automotive experience unto itself - and mostly a fine one. Layer after layer, observer, driver and passenger of this sprite powerhouse are in for a treat that they won't soon forget.

The original Mini Cooper, of course, burst upon the U.S. market several years ago and was lent some extra visibility, and a "Wow!" factor, by being Matt Damon's escape vehicle in the first of his Bourne movies. Sales have been climbing steadily even though many potential buyers find the cramped back seat and minimal

Enter the Clubman last year as a 2008 vehicle that already probably is the better of the two

To begin with, the extra room offered by Clubman makes a big difference because it comes in just the right places. Mini increased rear legroom by 2.5 inches, which means the car has a credible rear seat where its predecessor just doesn't.

The Clubman also adds a passenger-side,



rear-hinged door to allow rear passengers to enter and exit more easily. Typically for this brand that has made quirkiness its signature, however, the door is only offered on one side - the logic being that it isn't necessary on the driver's side. Plus, consistent with the car's unpredictable design, it creates a seam on the passenger side but not on the driver's.

Anyway, Mini also grew the cargo area significantly, adding another 3.5 cubic feet of space. Keeping the second row of seats in place. that means you can fit a decent-sized piece of luggage in the rear. And when you fold down the second row, you can even squeeze in small pieces of furniture. And certainly there is plenty of room for the luggage and other gear that might be required for a weekend trip for two.

Outrageous design, of course, is Mini's calling card, and Clubman has taken that to a whole new level. The very premise of a car that is so tiny and yet safe is a statement in itself, of course, and for some people the roofs of the Mini line are the only car tops they're actually tall enough to see!

More than size alone, however, Clubman's design offers one fascinating wrinkle after another. On the outside, there are features such as the rear opening covered by a pair of outward-swinging doors on springs. For no apparent reason - but to great effect - the edges of the door are cut out so that the door closes over the Clubman's taillights. Nifty.

There's much. much more. The sunroof in the Clubman S version, for example, reaches back over nearly the entire passenger compartment. The car

also offers a convenient sun and wind screen that can be pulled over the sunroof opening from the

inside. And clearly, some designer had fun with the instruments and controls. The front is dominated by a huge circular speedometer that has been placed in the middle of the dashboard. And echoing Clubman's overall design theme, there are ovals and circles all over the place, and even a replication of the winged Mini logo in the radio controls.

To some extent, however, Clubman carries these design themes just a bit too far in certain places, and the cuteness just doesn't work. For example, the designers put semi-circular separators between each control in a couple of rows of switches, and all they do is confuse and get in the way; they're completely superfluous.

And in some places, the Mini line's dimensions are simply inconveniently shrunken. The cup holders in front, for instance, are just too small to hold any drink larger than a standard soda can.

As far as driving is concerned, this little vehicle is a beast. The base Clubman is powered by a 1.6-liter inline-four engine that produces 118 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque. But in the S version that I drove, there's a turbocharged version that generates a robust 172 horsepower and a thrilling 177 pound-feet of torque.

Timely enough, even the S engine offers 23 mpg in the city and an impressive 32 mpg on the highway. And perhaps as important: It's muscular enough to make you feel like Damon as Bourne.



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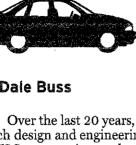
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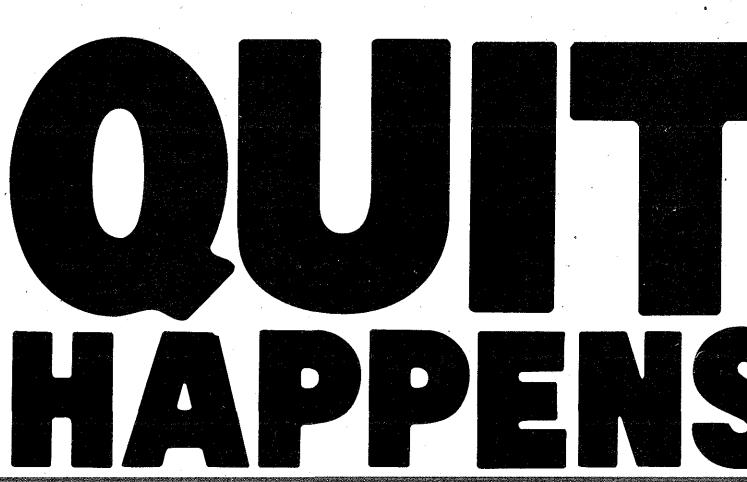


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(28119734)

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**Dearborn Heights** 734-591-9200 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Brick Buntalow. Crestwood ingrind pool; professionally landscaped yard, 2.5 det gar; updtd ceramic kit & bAs; hdwd firs, vinyl windows. Schools; fully finished bsmt w/full BA 7 bar,

734-455-7000

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\$179,900

\$209,000

JUST REDUCED! WHY SETTLE FOR THE CITY ...

when 5 awesomely fertile acres -- some woodsy

w/creek -- can be yours! Sharp red brick ranch trimmed in gardens. Country living just 1 mile

Spacious Brick Colonial Featuring 2Stry foyer. Upgrd kit cabs w/island & Eat-In area. Cath clings in GR w/FP. Lg Mstr BR & BA w/jet tub, shower & Wi closet. Short Sale; subject to 3rd

CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, CONDO LIVINGI is

yours in this 2BR/2BA condo, located deep in the complex and featuring an oak kitchen,

master suite w/walk-in closet, all appliances



248-348-6430 **Farmington Hills** Original Owner, custom built 3 bedroom home on 2 acres! New hardwood floors & huge kitchen, family room overlooks 20x16 deck & spacious backyard, low utilities.



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430 Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation spacious kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, new garage w/rear access, gr eat setting!



### Canton 734-455-7000

NOT YOUR STANDARD COLONIALI Wellmaintained home w/flowing floor plan to fit all living & entertainment needs. Huge fam rm loft, 1st fir Indry, 2FPs, brick patio/walk, custom (28115091) \$299,900



734-284-5400 Canton REMODELED BUNGALOW 2 BD, 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Golf Course. Includes 3 studio apartments (rented & income producing). You need to see this one!

\$219,900

(28139099)



ALTERNA STR Livonia Move right in! \$214,900 (28071438



#### 248-348-6430 Hartland BETTER THAN NEW IN HARTLAND Welcoming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Well lit kit w/hrdwd fir,maple

cab.First fir mstr ste. Cozy frplc in great room LL is prepped for BA. Cedar deck opens to (28080934) \$227,900



Highland 248-684-1065 Beautiful homel Quality materials & trim details t/ol. HDWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry.kit, SS appl, bonus 4th rm., 150' on All Sports Duck Lake.

\$499,900



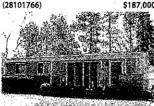
248-348-6430 Livonia Renovated With Style! 3 bedroom ranch with impressive details & many updates including: updated kitchen, main bath, light fixtures. Finished basement, vinyl windows, and deck.

\$195,000

(28086574)

#### VT. -1.7S. 1983 248-851-4100 Livonia

ENJOY SUMMER BY THE POOL! Meticulously landscaped yard. Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings.Floor to ceiling windows. New carpet, ceramic tile, copper plumb, windows, roof & 200 amp ele \$187,000



248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks.



#### 248-851-4100 EVERYTHING IS DONE! CUL DE SAC SETTING Gorgeous maple galley kitchen. Updated baths. HWF, crown molding, 6 panel doors, Gorgeous landscaping + new deck. 3 car garage. Newer roof, electric, piumbing, windows.



248-348-6430 Livonia Sought Afte Northwest Livonia Ranchi Remodeled KIT, new ceramic BA, 2 car att garage, LG Fla room. Newer roof & windows, coved ceilings, LG FM, walk to Livonia rec center& library. Shows very well! (28090335)

\$147,000



#### Stately Custom Colonial Spacious RMs t/o. Gorgeous entry w/curved strcse. Gour KIT, FR w/2 sty paladium windows. Priv Ib. All BR suites. Deck, sidewalks, pool & cibhse in



Stunning Condo Awesome cherry cab in kit, gran. counters,2BR, 1 1/2 BA w/marble, WP tub, fin bsmt, all appliances. Newer wind, roof, all window treat., 1 car att gar. CT Loc. \$125,900 (28143363)

#### 248-348-6430 End Unit 2 bedroom, 2.1 bath, totally remodeled kitchen top to bottom, Pergo floors, all new appliances, remodeled bath, includes washer & dryer, private patlo.

(28078853) \$109,900

Novi



#### 248-348-6430 Novi Great Price on This Novi 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas and water ool, tennis courts and clubhouse Side Great valu



734-455-7000 CHECK THIS ONE OUT! Enjoy this summer in the awesome pool in Country Place. Updated carriage house has newer windows, carpet, furnace/AC, bath & more! Private garage and (28140380)

\$84,900



**Royal Oak** 248-684-1065 Completely remodeled, hardwood floors, beautiful new kitchen & dining/bkfst room w/ maple cabinets. New carpet, new paint, custom tiled bath w/ heated floors.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious kitchen, great rm w/soaring ceilings, extra lrg front study, Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement.



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Newer Home Shows Well 2 story foyer, beautiful hrdwd in kit, breakfast, dining & foyer. Huge 29x18 vaulted mstr w/Irg closet. Bonus rm fin above gar. Prem. Lot backs to nature trail.



South Lyon

248-437-3800 Newer Quality Built Colonial Loads of upgrades! Living rm has gas fp,kit w/breakfast nook. Both rms have door leading to deck, formal DR w/bay window, mstr BR has 2 W/I closets (28145429)



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Ready To Move in Ranch style condo w/open fir plan. Features 2 BR, mstr br 2/2 closets. 2 full baths, gr rm w/gas fp,dining rm w/doorwail to deck. Home is handicap accessible.

(28150911)\$139,900



Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wains country, etc. Wooded lot & lake view



734-455-7000 Westland SURE TO PLEASEI Open, spacious floor plan. Great rm w/cathedral ceiling & marble FP. Upgraded white cabinets in kitchen, appliances stay. 1st fir master & laundry. Neutral t/o.

\$194,900



and the treatment of the 1925748 734-455-7000 Westland BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITY in this 3 bedroom brick ranch with full finished basement, C/A, 1.1 baths and 2 car garage. Remodeled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors and all appliances stay.





734-284-5400 Westland LOVELY 2 STORY CONDO in Westland. Attached garage with direct entry. Full basement, central air, doorwall to deck, kitchen appliances included. Great locatio



734-455-7000 Westland HOW SWEET IT IS! Clean, neat and ready! Great floor plan, great yard, great mechanics garage! Totally updated and move-in ready! 1. n. 1. n. n. 1. n. 1

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\$75,000

734-591-9200

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248-684-1065

\$185,000

\$284,500



PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs,1.5 BA; kit w/Dining area

& DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar; motion lites frnt & side; 4 Cing Fans; Newer Roof &

Lake View From Rare 2200 SQ. FT. Ranch New

listing! Wonderful open floor plan. Master suite opposite side of home from other bedrooms. Walkout BSMT. Set on beautiful iow

Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious

kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master

Westland

(28077414)

White Lake

(28080850)

maintenance lot. Built 2004.

driveway; HW Htr 07.

Livonia



4 Bedroom Colonial in Lexington Square Very open floor plan. 2 story foyer. Family room w/gas FP & DW to deck. Eat-in KIT w/Peninsula/ breakfast bar.Just painted exterior. Great interior sub location! (28139338) \$219,000



734-591-9200 Canton Beau hm on Cul-De-Sac.Priv backyd backin to tre frm 32x18 cdr dk.Fr/pted,hi ceils in foy, LR, Mst BR, FR, Skylgts, nw carpt, fin bsmt w/BA&egrs wind,4th BR,mro-conv ov,ref, gab dis,ht/wt 4 ceil fans 1 yr warr (28106181) \$214,900



Canton 734-591-9200 Simply the best unit in complex!! 3 BR end unit condo in Morgan Creek w/open fir plan, unique hdwd firs, 2stry foyer, cath clngs. Huge MSTR STE w/lg WIC & pvt ba, Open Sun 1-4pm March 30, 2008 (28149302) \$183,900



Commerce 248-684-1065 Oak Brook Villa condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open fir plan. Vaulted cellings. Warm/inviting great room w/ FP & skylights. Neutral colors.



**Dearborn Heights** 248-851-1900 UPDATED BRICK RANCH Kitchen update in completion stage. Newer windows & furnace. Lower level with family room,wet bar & half bath.Backyard patio.Very clean, just move in!

\$154,900





3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on main fir w/ jet tubs/ceramic firs. 3rd br w/ blt-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit.



Highland 248-684-1065 Spotless, warm & charming 3 BR ranch in serence horse community area. Gorgeous treed private backyard .41 acre lot. Open fir plan w/ large kit/great rm/gas FP.



Howell 248-684-1065 Spacious colonial! New first floor master suite, 2.5 baths. Spacious lot with fenced backyard and inground pool. Second one car garage for storage.



Livonia 248-348-6430 Clean Livonia Colonial near Laurel Park! Absolutely beautiful on a park-like setting, GR, vauited ceilings, natural FP. Downstairs to a terrific rec rm or office & a 3rd full BA! Shown by appointment. (28046689)



Livonia 248-851-1900 ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL 2005 BUILT COLONIAL Large private lot features flagstone & paver patio w/spa. 3 BR, 2.1 bath. Ceramic,marble & granite in kitchen & all baths. Upgraded fixtures & hardware. Quiet street. (28146911) \$234,900

Milford 248-684-1065

Seciuded setting/English-European flair. Castlestone/cedar ext.; curved stairway, lib w/ coffered ceil. Viking appl/granite. Ingrnd pool; much morei



Milford 248-684-1065 Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Fin. Bsmt, 5 bds, 5.1ba, 5.76 acres on Kensington Park, 3-car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment.



Milford 248-684-1065 Move in ranch condo. Large eat-in kit opens to GR w/ vaulted ceiling. Large MBR. Lib. w/ doors & closet(poss 4th BR), Large deck w/ private backvard.

(28079246)



Northfield 248-437-3800 Sweet New Construction Major price reduction. Ready for fall occupancy. 2 BR plus office/library. Nice/bright open fir plan w/view of Horseshoe Lk. Ready for garage, footings are in.



Northville 248-348-6430 Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home In downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home! (27159086)

\$749,000



Private 8.16 Acres! Own your own get-away. Magnificient land w/towering pines & hardwood, Truly feels like a retreat up north. 650 FT of river front. New kit/w/granite





Plymouth 734-455-7000 WOODSY SETTING! A Brick Ranch on 10+ acres that turn Sunsets to works of artl 2 FPs, sunroom w/skylite, full LL, att. greenhouse & loveable red barn. Ply schools/Salem taxes.

(28035833)

\$368,900



custom features: Iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched-ways, pillars, daylight bsmt, 3car gar, ceram firs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease!



Redford 734-591,9200 Breathtaking 3 BR ranch in the S. Redford school district. Spacious & open floor plan. Updated kitchen and b'fast bar and granite counter tops. Stainless steel sink,

(28138696 \$129,900

248-437-3800 Updated Starter Ranch Newer roof, windows, carpet, paint, bathroom, kitchen, and ances. Pre approved short sale, subject



South Lyon 248-437-3800 Well Maintained, Freshly Painted Unit Have your morning coffee on the private courtyard/ patio area, Back of bldg location. Close to pool. 2 BR, 2 full baths, beautifully decorated. Most annt incl \$104,900



248-437-3800 South Lyon Enjoy 55+ Community, Club House, Pool Must see exceptional phase 5, 2 BR, 2 bath w/over \$25,000 extras. Fin. W/O LL drywalled w/irg family rm w/gas FP opens to Irg deck w/shade tree



Southfield 248-348-6430 Ground Level Condo No Steps! Won't last Move right into this nice ranch condo in Evergreen Woodsi 2 BDs, 2 BAs, including a MSTRBA, FRPL, & Garagel End unit, Appliances included! Immediate occupancy.



Amost New Condo Only lived in 7 mo. Many upgrades including cabinets, granite countertops, raised snack bar, 3 way gas fp between dining rm and great rm. View of







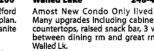
248-684-1065 Great starter home in historic Ypsilanti! Cute bungalow w/ many updates: roof, furnace, windows, HWH, paint. Kit appl. stay. 0.4 acre

\$85,000













Walled Lake Open flr plan. LR w/ elec fp, cath ceils & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ D/W to deck. Kit w/ extension counter. 3 lighted cell fans. Mstr w



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suite/2 showers.

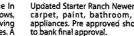
Wolverine Lake 248-348-6430 In Process Of Total Rehab Not completed - But Soon: New KT cabs/sink/paint/fir. Newer: furn/ CA/roof/DRwali/wndws/HWH/softener/Some



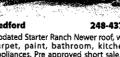
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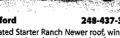






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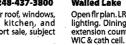


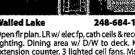
\$74,900

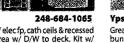
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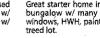


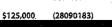
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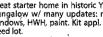




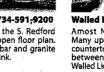


















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